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WEDNESDAY, *May* 26, 1784.

BY the returns from the several towns, it appeared that the following Gentlemen were chosen to represent them the ensuing year,
viz.

For the County of SUFFOLK.

BOSTON, Hon. William Phillips, Esq;
Hon. Caleb Davis, Esq;
* Hon. Samuel A. Otis, Esq;
Thomas Dawes, Esq;
John Rowe, Esq;
Hon. James Sullivan, Esq;
* Samuel Breck, Esq;
Roxbury, Mr. Thomas Clarke,
Dorchester, James Swan, Esq;
Milton, * Edward H. Robbins, Esq;
Braintree, Col. Ebenezer Thayer, jun.
Weymouth, * Nathaniel Bayley, Esq;
Hingham, * Col. Charles Cushing,
Cohasset, Thomas Lathrop, Esq;
Dedham, * Mr. Nathaniel Kingsbury.
Medfield, * Daniel Perry, Esq;
Stoughton, * Capt. James Endicott,
Sharon,
Bellingham,

Medway, * Capt. Joseph Lovell,
Wrentham, * Capt. Oliver Pond,
Brookline, * Mr. John Goddard,
Needham,
Walpole, * Major Seth Bullard,
Chelsea,
Hull,
Franklin, * Mr. Samuel Lethbridge,
Foxborough, * Mr. John Everett,

County of ESSEX.

Salem, * William Vans, Esq;
* Nathan Goodale, Esq;
Mr. Samuel Page,
* Mr. Miles Greenwood,
Danvers, * Mr. Gideon Putnam,
Ipswich, * Dr. John Manning,
* John Patch, Esq;
Newbury, * Ebenezer March, Esq;
* Mr. Joshua Ordway,
Newbury-Port,

Newbury Port, Hon. Tristram Dalton, Esq;
Rufus King, Esq;

Marblehead, * Samuel Sewall, Esq;

* Capt. Nathaniel Lindsey,

Lynn, and Lynnsfield, * Mr. John Carnes,

Andover, * Hon. Samuel Osgood, Esq;

Beverly, Mr. Nathan Dane,

Rowley, Capt. Thomas Mighill,

Salisbury, Benjamin Evans, Esq;

Haverhill, * Samuel White, Esq;

Gloucester, Col. Joseph Foster,

Topsfield, Mr. Abraham Hobbs,

Amesbury, * Mr. John Barnard,

Bradford, Daniel Thurston, Esq;

Methuen,

Boxford, Capt. Isaac Adams,

Wenham,

Manchester,

Middleton,

County of MIDDLESEX.

Cambridge, * Samuel Thatcher, Esq;

Charlestown,

Watertown, * William Hunt, Esq;

Woburn, * Samuel Wyman, Esq;

Concord, Hon. Joseph Holmes, Esq;

Newton, * Mr. Thomas Parker,

Reading, James Bancroft, Esq;

Marborough, Mr. Winslow Brigham,

Billerica, Major Edward Farmer,

Framingham, Mr. William Brown,

Lexington, Benjamin Brown, Esq;

Chelmsford, Mr. Aaron Chamberlain,

Sherburne, Daniel Whitney, Esq;

Sudbury, * William Rice, Esq;

Malden, * Ezra Sargeant, Esq;

Weston, * Capt. Isaac Jones,

Medford, Mr. Aaron Hall,

Hopkinton, Capt. Walter M'Farland,

Westford, Mr. Francis Loughton,

Waltham, * Mr. Abner Sanderson,

Stow,

Groton, * Dr. Benjamin Morse,

Shirley,

Pepperell,

Townshend, * Mr. William Hobart,

Dracutt, Capt. Joseph Bradley Varnum,

Bedford,

Holliston, * Capt. Staples Chamberlain,

Acton,

Carlisle, } Francis Faulkner, Esq;

Dunstable, * Mr. Joseph Danforth,

Lincoln,

Wilmington,

Tewksbury,

Littleton, * Mr. Jonathan Patch,

Uxby,

Stoneham,

Natick,

East-Sudbury, * John Noyes, Esq;

County of HAMPSHIRE.

Springfield, * Mr. Thomas Dwight,

West Springfield, Abraham Burbank, Esq;

Justin Ely, Esq;

Wilbraham, Capt. Phineas Stebbins,

North-Hampton,

South Hadley,

Amherst, * Capt. Eli Parker,

Granby, * Mr. Benjamin Eastman,

Hatfield, * Hon. John Hastings, Esq;

Whateley,

Williamsburg, Mr. William Bodman,

Westfield, John Ingersol, Esq;

Mr. Samuel Fowler,

Deerfield,

Conway,

Sunderland,

Brimfield,

South-Brimfield,

New Salem, Capt. Jacob Sampson,

Ashfield, * Capt. Elisha Crenson,

Worthington, Mr. Jonathan Brewster,

Chesterfield,

Chesterfield Gore,

Suffield,

Monson,

Pelham, Mr. Thomas Johnson,

Hadley, * Capt. Oliver Smith,

Palmer, Capt. David Spear,

Montague,

Northfield, Mr. Aaron Whitney,

Belchertown, * Mr. Joseph Smith,

Colrain, Hugh M'Clallen, Esq;

Charlemont,

Shelburne, Mr. Benjamin Nash,

Southwick, * Dr. Isaac Coit,

Granville, Oliver Phelps, Esq;

Greenfield, David Smead, Esq;

Greenwich, Mr. Caleb West,

South-Hampton, Mr. Jonathan Clark,

Warwick, * Mr. James Ball,

Blanford,

Ware,

Leverett,

Chester,

Bernardston,

Shutesbury, Mr. John Powers, jun.

Ervingshire,

Ervingshire,
Enfield,
Somers,
Ludlow,
Norwich,
West-Hampton,
Merryfield,
Buckland, Samuel Taylor, Esq;
Cumington, Mr. Ebenezer Snell,
Long-Meadow, Mr. Nathaniel Ely, jun.

County of PLYMOUTH.

Plymouth, Joshua Thomas, Esq;
 * Mr. Thomas Davis, jun.
Scituate, Israel Vernal, Esq;
Duxborough, Mr. Zedekiah Sanger,
Marsfield, Samuel Oakman, Esq;
Bridgewater, Capt. Nathan Mitchel,
Middleborough, * Mr. Isaac Thomson,
 * Mr. Zebedee Sprout,
Rochester, Col. Ebenezer White,
Plimpton, Capt. Francis Shurtliff,
Pembroke, * Capt. John Turner,
Kingston, Capt. Ebenezer Washburn,
Abington, Mr. Samuel Brown,
Hanover, * Mr. Melzar Curtis,
Halifax, * Ebenezer Tompson, Esq;
Wareham, * Capt. David Nye,

County of BARNSTABLE.

Barnstable, * Nymphas Marston, Esq;
 Shearjashub Bourne, Esq;
Sandwich, Joseph Nye, Esq;
Yarmouth, David Thatcher, Esq;
Eastham,
Harwich, Capt. Kimbal Clark,
Wellsfleet,
Falmouth,
Tiuro,
Chatham,
Province Town,

County of BRISTOL.

Taunton, Job Smith, Esq;
 * George Godfrey, Esq;
Rehoboth, Stephen Bullock, Esq;
Swansey, * Col. Simeon Potter,
Dartmouth, * Capt. William Clagham,
Norton, * Capt. Israel Trow,
Attleborough, Elifha May, Esq;
Dighton, * Mr. Thomas Bailies Richmond,
Freetown, * Capt. Levi Rounsevell,

Rainham, Capt. Noah Hall,
Easton,
Mansfield, * Capt. John Pratt;
Berkley, Samuel Tobey, Esq;

County of YORK.

York, Col. Edward Grow,
Kittery, * Mr. Joshua Hubbard,
Wells, Capt. Joshua Bragdon,
Berwick, John Hill, Esq;
Arundell,
Biddeford, Capt. Benjamin Hooper,
Pepperellborough, * Mr. Paul Junkins,
Buxton,
Lebanon, * Mr. Joshua Pray,
Sanford,
Fryeburg,
Cox-Hall,
Massabesick,
Limerick,
Brownfield,
Little-Falls.

County of DUKES-COUNTY.

Edgarton,
Chilmark, * Mr. Benjamin Bassett,
Tisbury, Shubel Cottle, Esq;

County of NANTUCKET.

Sherburne, Alexander Coffin, Esq;
 Mr. Peleg Coffin, jun.
 * Mr. Stephen Paddock.

County of WORCESTER.

Worcester, Samuel Curtis, Esq;
Lancaster,
Woodstock,
Mendon, Capt. Peter Penniman,
Brookfield, * Capt. Benjamin Rice,
Oxford, * Capt. Jeremiah Learned,
Charlton, * Mr. Ebenezer Davis,
Sutton, Amos Singletary, Esq;
Leicester, no choice,
Spencer, Mr Isaac Jenkes,
Rutland, * John Fessenden, Esq;
Oakham,
Hubbardston,
New-Braintree, Major Joseph Bowman,
Southborough,
Westboro'
Northboro,

Shrewsbury

Shrewsbury, * Mr. Nathaniel Haywood,
Lunenburg, Capt. Josiah Stearns,
Fitchburg, Thomas Cowdin, Esq;
Uxbridge, * Col. Seth Reed,
Northbridge,
Harvard, * Mr. Joseph Stone,
Bolton, Ephraim Fairbanks, Esq;
Sturbridge, * Ebenezer Crafts, Esq;
Hardwich,
Western, Col. James Stone,
Leominster, Hon. Israel Nichols, Esq;
Holden,
Douglas, * Mr. Eliphaz Stearns,
Grafton, * Capt. Nathaniel Sherman,
Petersham, * Jonathan Grout, Esq;
Royalston, John Frye, Esq;
Westminster, Capt. Elisha Jackson,
Athol, * Hiram Newhall, Esq;
Templeton, Capt. Ezekiel Knowlton,
Princeton, * Hon. Moses Gill, Esq;
Ashburnham,
Winchendon,
Upton,
Dudley, * Mr. Jonathan Day,
Paxton, Mr. Abraham Smith,
Barre, * Capt. Benjamin Lee,
Ward, Capt. John Prentice,
Milford, * Capt. Ichabod Thayer,
Sterling, * Capt. Ephraim Wilder,

County of CUMBERLAND.

Falmouth, Mr. Benjamin Titcomb,
 Joseph Noyes, Esq;
North-Yarmouth, Mr. Samuel Merrill,
Scarborough, † William Tompson, Esq;
Gorham, Mr. Josiah Thatcher,
Cape-Elizabeth,
Brunswick,
Harpswell,
Windham,
New-Gloucester, † Mr. Peleg Chandler,
Grey,
Pearson-Town,
Royalston,
Raymond's-Town,
Baker's-Town,
Sylvester,
Bridgton,

County of LINCOLN.

Pownallborough, Mr. Joseph Christophers,
George-Town,

New-Castle, Major John Farley,
Woolwich, Nathaniel Thwing Esq;
Topsham,
Bowdoinham, Mr. Zacheus Beal,
Booth-Bay, † Capt. Paul Reed,
Bristol, William Jones, Esq;
Vassalborough,
Winthrop, † Mr. Robert Page,
Winslow,
Waldoborough,
Edgcomb,
Hallowell,
Belfast,
Warren, Thomas Starret, Esq;
Thomas-Town, Mr. John Dillaway,
Bath, † Rev. Mr. Francis Winter,
Pittstown,
St. George's,
Meduncook,
Walpole,
Howardstown,
Norwich Walk.
Sterlington,
Lewisstown,
Ballstown,
Wales.

County of BERKSHIRE.

Shefford, and }
Mr. Washington, } † John Ashley, jun. Esq;
Great-Barrington, † Elijah Dwight Esq;
Partridgefield, Mr. Ebenezer Pierce,
New Marlboro' Jabez Ward, Esq;
Williamstown, Capt. Joseph T. Skinner,
Lanesborough,
Pittsfield, Dr. Timothy Childs,
Lenox, William Walker, Esq;
Stockbridge, Hon. John Bacon, Esq;
Egremont, Capt. Oliver Pier,
Tyringham, Capt. Josiah Brewer,
Sandisfield, Major Sam. Woolcott,
Becket, † Nathaniel Kingsley, Esq;
Gageborough,
Hancock, Samuel Hand, Esq;
Richmond, Mr. William Lusk,
Loudon,
Washington,
West-Stockbridge, † Elijah Williams, Esq;
Alford, † Mr. Ehud Hopkins,
Adams, † Capt. Reubin Hinman,
Ashaweleet Equivalent,
New Ashford,
Lee, Mr. Ebenezer Jenkins,
Windfor, Capt. L. Grosvenor.

These gentlemen to whose names these [†] marks are prefixed, were not of the House the last year.*

MR. DAWES, Mr. Breck, Mr. Godfrey, Mr. Clarke, and Mr. Hill, were appointed a committee to wait on his Excellency the Governor, and the Hon. Council, and acquaint them that a quorum of the House had met, and were ready to be qualified according to the constitution. Who reported that they had delivered the message.

His Excellency the Governor and the Hon. Council then came into the House; and the members took the oaths and subscribed the declarations pointed out by the constitution.

A committee of three was appointed to collect, count and sort the votes for a Clerk; and the House proceeded to the choice by ballot, and the committee having attended the business assigned them, reported, That Mr. George Richards Minot was unanimously chosen, who signified his acceptance of the choice, and was qualified for exercising the duties of his office, by taking the following oath, viz.

Whereas you, George Richards Minot, are chosen Clerk of the House of Representatives, you do swear that you will enter all the votes and orders thereof; and in all things relating to your office, you will act faithfully and impartially. So help you G O D.

The House then voted to come to the choice of a Speaker, and Mr. Dawes, Mr. Swan, and Mr. King, were appointed a committee to collect, count and sort the votes, who having attended that service, reported, That the Hon. Tristram Dalton, Esq; was chosen.

It being represented to the House that that gentleman was absent, it was *Voted*, That the House proceed to a new choice.

The same committee having again attended the business assigned them, reported, That the Hon. Samuel Allyn Otis, Esq; was chosen Speaker, who took the chair accordingly.

Mr. Davis was then charged with a message to the Hon. Senate, to acquaint them that the House had made choice of the Hon. Samuel A. Otis, Esq; for their Speaker, and of Mr. George R. Minot, for their Clerk.

Mr. Dawes, Mr. Osgood, Mr. Swan, Mr. King, and Mr. Robbins, were appointed a committee to wait on his Excellency the Governor and the Honorable Council, and inform them thereof.

The Hon. Mr. Holton brought down the following order of Senate of this day, viz.

In Senate, May 26, 1784.

Ordered, That Jabez Fisher, and Josiah Stone, Esq's. with such as the Hon. House may join, be a committee to wait on his Excellency the Governor, and the Hon. Council, and inform them that the General Court are now ready to attend upon divine service, if his Excellency and Council are ready.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred, and Mr. Page, Mr. Dwight, and Mr. Hunt, were joined.

Ordered, That Mr. Davis, Mr. Greenwood, Mr. Fessenden, Mr. Chamberlin, and Mr. Patch, be a committee to examine the returns of the members; and report.

Ordered, That the Clerk omit the titles of the members when he may use their names in the business of the House; and that he give only the appellation of Mr. on such occasions.

Ordered,

Ordered, That Mr. *Sullivan*, Mr. *Osgood*, and Mr. *Breck*, be a committee to report such rules and orders as may be necessary for the due regulation of the House.

The House then proceeded to the choice of monitors by nomination, and Mr. *Clarke*, Mr. *Stearnes*, Mr. *Singletary*, and Mr. *Brown*, of *Lexington*, were chosen.

The Secretary came down and said, that his Excellency the Governor, and the Hon. Council, were ready to attend divine service :

Whereupon the House voted to adjourn to five o'clock, P. M. for the purpose of attending public worship, and adjourned to that hour accordingly.

Afternoon.

Met according to adjournment.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN was appointed to wait on such members as were yet unqualified, to the Governor, in order for their taking the oaths pointed out by the constitution.

A motion was made and seconded, that the sense of the House be taken on the following question, for the information of the committee appointed to examine the returns of the members, *viz.* Whether returns made without a certificate of notification, given by a constable to the person chosen, shall be valid ? Whereupon the said question was debated, and the same being put, passed in the affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Bragdon*, and Mr. *Hill*, be a committee to wait on the Rev. Mr. *Moses Hemmenway*, and thank him in behalf of this House, for the sermon delivered by him this day, before his Excellency the Governor, the Council, and the two branches of the General Court ; and to request a copy of the same for the press.

The committee appointed to prepare the rules and orders of the House, reported the same, similar to those of the last year, which being read, were accepted, and ordered to be hung up as usual.

The Hon. Mr. *Phillips* brought down an order of Senate of this day, appointing *Samuel Phillips*, and *Nathaniel Wells*, Esq's. with such as the House might join, a committee to examine the returns of the number of votes of the several towns in this Commonwealth, for a Governor and Lieutenant-Governor, and report the names of such gentlemen as may appear to be chosen.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred, and Mr. *Dalton*, Mr. *Osgood*, and Mr. *Swan*, were joined.

The committee appointed to examine the returns of the members, reported, that eleven of them were attested by only three selectmen, and that five others, *viz.* those from *Foxborough*, *Freetown*, *Grafton*, *Plymouth*, and *Milford*, were attested only by the town clerk. Whereupon the said report was taken into consideration, and it appearing that there were but four selectmen in each of the towns first mentioned, their returns were ordered to be filed ; and the members from the five last mentioned towns, were permitted to hold their seats without voting, till their returns were attested according to law.

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The committee appointed to wait on the Rev. Mr. *Moses Hemmenway*, to request a copy of his election sermon for the press, reported verbally, that they had waited on him, and he would deliver a copy for the purpose requested as soon as possible.

The Hon. Mr. *Wells* brought down the report of the committee appointed to examine the returns of votes for Governor, and Lieutenant-Governor, as follows :

The whole number of votes for a Governor,	7631
Majority,	3816
His Excellency <i>John Hancock</i> , Esq; had and was chosen.	5160
The whole number of votes for Lieutenant-Governor, was	6240
Majority,	3121
His Honor <i>Thomas Cushing</i> , Esq; had and was chosen.	4859

In Senate, May 26, 1784.

Read and sent down.

Read and sent up.

The Hon. Mr. *Turner* brought down the following order of Senate of this day, viz. That *Moses Gil*, and *William Heath*, Esq's. with such as the House may join, be a committee to wait on his Excellency *John Hancock*, Esq; and inform him that it appears upon an examination of the votes of the several towns in this Commonwealth, that he is chosen Governor, by a majority of voters; and that said committee wait on his Honor *Thomas Cushing*, Esq; and inform him that he is chosen Lieutenant-Governor of the Commonwealth.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred, and Mr. *Dalton*, Mr. *Sullivan*, and Mr. *Swan*, were joined.

Adjourned to Thursday morning, nine o'clock.

THURSDAY, May 27, 1784.

Met according to adjournment.

On motion,

THE House assigned Friday morning, 10 o'clock, for coming to the choice of a chaplain.

The committee last appointed to wait on his Excellency the Governor, and his Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, to inform them of their election, reported, that they had attended the service, and his Excellency and Honor, would attend the two Houses this day.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hosmer*, Mr. *Dawes*, and Mr. *Manning*, be a committee to consider and report what standing committees are necessary for the present year.

Ordered, That Mr. *Thatcher*, of *Gorham*, Mr. *Chamberlain*, and Mr. *Robbins*,

Robbins, be a committee to examine the files, and report such business as was left unfinished by the late House, and necessary now to be taken up.

The Hon. Mr. *Wells* brought down a list of the Senators elected, and candidates for Senators, with the following order of Senate thereon, viz.

In Senate, May 26, 1784. On examination it appears, that the persons who are represented in the foregoing schedule, have been chosen Senators accordingly; that such vacancies remain to be filled as are expressed in the said schedule; and that the persons therein named as candidates, are the proper candidates for supplying those vacancies.

Sent down.

Read and sent up.

The Hon. Mr. *Heath* brought down the following order of Senate of this day, viz. That *Samuel Phillips*, jun. and *Nathaniel Wells*, Esqrs. with such as the Hon. House may join, be a committee to prepare a claim to the lands laying west of *Hudson's-River*, which belong to this Commonwealth, to be laid before Congress; or to report such other measures as to them shall appear most expedient to be taken relative to those lands.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred, and Mr. *Osgood*, Mr. *Sullivan*, and Mr. *King*, were joined.

The Hon. Mr. *Wells* came down and said, that the Senate proposed a convention of both Houses immediately, for the purpose of filling up the vacancies in the Senate; Mr. *Sullivan* was charged with a message to acquaint the Hon. Senate, that the House agreed to the assignment; and that the usual seats would be prepared for the members of the Hon. Senate. Whereupon the two Houses assembled together, and having made choice of Mr. *Phillips*, Mr. *Holten*, Mr. *Davis*, Mr. *Dawes*, and Mr. *King*, a committee to collect, count, and sort the votes, proceeded to the choice by joint ballot; and the following gentlemen were chosen for the following counties: viz.

	Returns of the House.	Number of votes.	Chosen by.
<i>Suffolk</i> , Hon. <i>John Lowell</i> , Esq;	156	143	88
<i>Essex</i> , Hon. <i>Tristram Dalton</i> , Esq;	157	149	101
<i>Hampshire</i> , Hon. <i>Timothy Danielson</i> , Esq;	155	149	121
<i>Caleb Strong</i> , Esq;			116
<i>John Bliss</i> , Esq;			96
<i>Plymouth</i> , <i>Hugh Orr</i> , Esq;	156	154	118
<i>York</i> , Hon. <i>Benjamin Chadbourne</i> , Esq;	156	152	142
<i>Berkshire</i> , <i>Jahiel Woodbridge</i> , Esq;	155	152	97

The Houses then separated.

Ordered, That Mr. *Breck*, Mr. *Davis*, and Mr. *Goodale*, be a committee to consider of proper measures to be taken for supplying the light-houses with oyl, and report.

The committee appointed to examine the files, reported, that the business unfinished and necessary to be acted upon, consisted of a report of a committee of both Houses respecting old Continental money; a bill establishing the salaries and fees of certain officers therein mentioned; and a report on College salaries; and that the other papers on file, lie till called

called up by particular members. Which report was read, and ordered to lie.

The Secretary came down and said, that his Excellency the Governor, and his Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, were in the Senate chamber, and ready to be qualified for exercising the duties of their respective offices. Whereupon the two Houses met together in said chamber, and his Excellency *John Hancock*, Esq; in their presence, took the oaths, and subscribed the declarations pointed out by the constitution, and was declared Governor of this Commonwealth. His Honor *Thomas Cushing*, Esq; having also taken the oaths, and subscribed the declarations as prescribed in the same manner, was declared Lieutenant-Governor of the same.

The committee appointed to consider of proper measures to be taken for supplying the light-houses with oil, reported a resolve for paying out of the treasury, six hundred pounds, from the revenue of the light money, to the Commissary-General, he to be accountable. Read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Ordered, That *Mr. Dane*, *Mr. Hunt*, and *Mr. Robbins*, be a committee to procure a set of laws and resolves for the use of the members of the House; and also devise a mode of preserving the same for that purpose; and report.

Also, That the same committee consider of the expence of printing the laws and resolves, and the expediency and terms of printing the journals of the House.

The Hon. *Mr. Norton* brought down a vote of Senate of this day, directing the Secretary to notify the several gentlemen elected Senators, of their being so elected,

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

The Hon. *Mr. Heath* came down and said, that the Senate requested that the member of the House this day elected Senator, might take his seat at their board. *Mr. Phillips*, *Mr. Davis*, *Mr. Swan*, *Mr. Breck*, and *Mr. Fessenden*, were then chosen to conduct the Hon. *Mr. Dalton* to the Senate chamber, who attended that business accordingly. A precept was ordered to be issued to the town of *Newbury-Port*, to elect one person to represent them in this House, in the room of *Mr. Dalton*.

Adjourned to three o'clock, P. M.

Afternoon.

Met according to adjournment.

THE Hon. *Mr. Bailies* brought down the following order of Senate of this day, viz.

In Senate, May 27, 1784.

Ordered, That the Secretary be, and he hereby is directed, to lay before his Excellency the Governor and the Council, a list of the names of the gentlemen this day elected by the two branches of the General Court, in convention assembled, according to the constitution, to fill up the vacancies

cies of Senators for this Commonwealth, within several districts of the same. Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

Voted, That the House will proceed to act upon private business, so far as the public business will permit.

A petition from a number of the inhabitants of the town of *Edgartown*, praying leave to purchase certain Indian lands lying therein. Read and committed to Mr. *Page*, Mr. *Clarke*, and Mr. *Sargeant*.

A petition from *Afa Day*, praying for a new note to be given him by the Treasurer, in the lieu of one which was lost. Read and committed to Mr. *Davis*, Mr. *Dane*, and Mr. *Carnes*.

Also, a similar petition from *David Day*. Read and committed to the same committee.

The petition of *Solomon Bowker*, collector of taxes in *Marlborough*, was taken from the files and read, and thereupon ordered that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

The Hon. Mr. *Baker* came down and said, that the Senate proposed coming to the choice of nine Councillors, according to the constitution, this afternoon.

Mr. *Sullivan* was charged with a message to acquaint the Hon. Senate, that the House agreed to the proposal; and the usual seats would be assigned for their members: Whereupon the two Houses assembled together in one room, and having chosen a committee of five, viz. Mr. *Stone*, Mr. *Heath*, Mr. *Phillips*, Mr. *Clarke*, and Mr. *Davis*, to collect, count and sort the votes, proceeded to the choice by joint ballot. The committee reported that the following gentlemen were chosen, viz.

<i>Jeremiah Powell</i> , Esq;	by 142 votes.	} Out of 144 votes.
<i>Walter Spooner</i> , Esq;	by 143	
<i>Benjamin Chadbourne</i> , Esq;	by 143	
<i>James Prescott</i> , Esq;	by 141	
<i>Samuel Holten</i> , Esq;	by 140	
<i>Moses Gill</i> , Esq;	by 143	
<i>Nathan Cushing</i> , Esq;	by 141	
<i>Jonathan Greenleaf</i> , Esq;	by 138	
<i>Timothy Danielson</i> , Esq;	by 140	

Which report was accepted, and the two Houses separated.

A petition from *Matthias Hoyt*, in behalf of class N°. 2, in *Amesbury*, setting forth, that said class had been fined for deficiency in raising a man for the army, by means of a certificate's not being returned in season; and praying that said certificate might be received, and said class remitted the fine. Read and committed to Mr. *Darves*, Mr. *Hofmer*, and Mr. *Bancroft*.

A similar petition from *Isaac Tuxbeary*, in behalf of class N°. 4, in said *Amesbury*. Read and committed to the same committee.

A petition from *Nicholas Crosby*, late a naval officer at *Penobscot*, praying to be re-established in said office, for reasons mentioned. Read and committed to Mr. *Goodale*, Mr. *Hunt*, and Mr. *Patch*, who were directed to consider of the expediency of establishing more naval officers in the county of *Lincoln*, than are already established; and report.

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The Hon. Mr. *Dalton* brought down an order of Senate of this day, directing the Secretary to notify the gentlemen this day chosen Councillors, of their respective elections.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

Petitions from *Robert Pegin*, and other Indians, praying leave to sell their lands. Read and committed to Mr. *Page*, and others, on a similar petition from certain inhabitants of *Edgartown*.

On motion, *Ordered*, That Mr. *Fessenden*, Mr. *Sullivan*, and Mr. *Chamberlain*, be a committee to enquire into, and report a state of facts relative to certain charges laid to be now pending in the Supreme Judicial Court, against *Jeremiah Learned*, Esq; the member from *Oxford*.

The Hon. Mr. *Heath* brought down the following order of Senate of this day, viz. That *Samuel Holten*, and *Nathan Cushing*, Esq's. with such as the Hon. House shall join, be a committee to wait on his Excellency the Governor, and acquaint him that the two branches of the General Court are now proceeding in business, and ready to receive such communications as he shall think proper to lay before them. Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred, and Mr. *Goodale*, Mr. *Osgood*, and Mr. *Dawes*, were joined.

The Hon. Mr. *Greenleaf* brought down the following order of Senate of this day, viz. That *Samuel Phillips*, jun. and *Tristram Dalton*, Esq's. with such as the Hon. House shall join, be a committee to enquire and report what public business is necessary to be transacted at the present sitting of the General Court.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred, and Mr. *Phillips*, Mr. *Thatcher*, and Mr. *Rowe*, were joined.

The committee appointed to enquire into a state of facts, relative to certain charges laid to be pending against the member from *Oxford*, reported an indictment for a trespass found against him at the Supreme Judicial Court, on which trial was not had. The said committee was then directed to consider whether the charge aforesaid, was such as rendered him incapable of holding a seat in the House. The said committee then reported, "That as the charge against the said *Learned*, is for a trespass, they can find nothing in the constitution which considers him as a person disqualified to hold his seat." Which report was read, and referred to the morning for consideration.

Ordered, That Mr. *Swan*, Mr. *Breck*, Mr. *Osgood*, Mr. *Greenwood*, and Mr. *King*, be a committee to report a bill for regulating the exports of this Commonwealth.

A petition from *Isaac Smith*, praying to be set off from the parish of *Lincebrook*, and incorporated with the first parish of *Rowley*. Read and ordered, that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

The House assigned Friday morning, 10 o'clock, for coming to the choice of a Secretary, Commissary-General, and Treasurer, for the Commonwealth; and Mr. *Davis* was charged with a message to the Hon. Senate, to acquaint them thereof.

The Hon. Mr. *Dalton* came down and said, that the Senate agreed to said assignment.

The Hon. Mr. *Phillips* brought down the report of the committee appointed to prepare a claim to the lands lying west of *Hudson's-River*, which

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belong to this Commonwealth; being a draft of a petition to Congress on the subject. *In Senate.* Read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Also, A resolve of Senate requesting the Governor to forward said petition to Congress by express, and granting one hundred pounds for that purpose. Sent down for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Adjourned to Friday morning, 9 o'clock.

F R I D A Y, May 28, 1784.

Met according to adjournment.

THE Hon. Mr. Dalton brought down an order of Senate of yesterday, as follows, *viz.* That *Tristram Dalton*, Esq; with such as the Hon. House shall join, be a committee to enquire into the produce of the duties laid for the support of light-houses, and the necessary expenditure of the said light-houses; and report. Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred, and Mr. *Phillips*, and Mr. *Manning*, were joined.

The petition of *John Porter*, praying for payment of an account annexed. Read again, and ordered that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

A petition from the selectmen of *Springfield*, setting forth, That the town of *Long-Meadow* was set off from said *Springfield*, without any provision for their paying their proportion of back taxes; and praying for order to be taken on the premises. Read and ordered to lie.

The House proceeded according to assignment, to the choice of a chaplain by ballot, and Mr. *Brown*, of *Frammingham*, Mr. *Dawes*, and Mr. *Phillips*, being chosen a committee to collect, count and sort the votes, and having attended that service, reported that the whole number of votes were 116, and that the Rev. *Joseph Eckley*, had 80 votes, and was chosen, which report was accepted; and Mr. *Dawes*, Mr. *Phillips*, and Mr. *Carnes*, were appointed a committee to wait on the Rev. Gentleman elect, and inform him of his appointment.

A petition from *Samuel Thatcher*, and others, a committee of the first parish in *Cambridge*, praying that the proceedings of said parish in assessing taxes for the expences of the war, might be confirmed.

Read and committed to Mr. *Godfrey*, Mr. *Robbins*, and Mr. *Dane*.

A representation from *Samuel Henshaw*, Esq; collector of excise for *Sussex* county, relative to the excise act. Read and committed to Mr. *Davis*, Mr. *Osgood*, and Mr. *King*, with such as the Hon. Senate might join.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. *Davis* was charged with a message to the Hon. Senate, to request them to send down the additional excise bill which was referred from the last to the present General Court. The said bill was brought down by the Hon. Mr. *Holten*, accordingly. It was then ordered that the said bill be committed to the committee last appointed to consider and report thereon. Sent up for concurrence.

Ordered, That Mr. *Sullivan*, Mr. *King*, and Mr. *Dane*, be a committee to bring in a bill, providing suitable measures for the relief of bankrupts. The

The Hon. Mr. *Dalton* came down and said, that the Senate were ready to proceed to the choice of a Secretary, and other officers, agreeably to assignment. Mr. *Robbins* was charged with a message to acquaint the Hon. Senate that the House were likewise ready, and that the usual seats would be assigned for their members. Whereupon the two Houses assembled together in one room, and proceeded to the choice of a Secretary by joint ballot. Mr. *Phillips*, Mr. *Dalton*, Mr. *Hunt*, Mr. *Robbins*, and Mr. *Breck*, were appointed to collect, count and sort the votes, who attended that service, and reported that the whole number of votes was 154, and that *John Avery*, jun. Esq; was unanimously chosen. Which report was accepted, and the two Houses proceeded to the choice of a Treasurer and Receiver-General, and the votes being taken, the committee reported, that the whole number of votes was 152, and that *Thomas Ivers*, Esq; was unanimously chosen. Which report was accepted, and the Houses proceeded to the choice of a Commissary-General, and the votes being taken, the committee reported, that the whole number of votes were 151, and that *Richard Devens*, Esq; had 150, and was chosen. Which report was accepted, and the Houses separated.

The Hon. Mr. *Turner* came down and said that six of the Hon. Gentlemen Councillors elect, viz. *Walter Spooner*, *James Prescott*, *Samuel Holten*, *Moses Gill*, *Nathan Cushing*, and *Jonathan Greenleaf*, Esqrs. had accepted of their elections, and were ready to be qualified for exercising the duties of their office; and that the Senate proposed a convention of both Houses immediately for the purpose of qualifying them; a message was sent to the Hon. Senate to acquaint them that the House agreed to the convention proposed. Whereupon the two Houses assembled together in one room, and the gentlemen aforesaid took the oaths, and subscribed the declarations pointed out by the constitution, in their presence. The two Houses then separated.

The report of the committee relative to the charges subsisting against the member from *Oxford*, was again taken up, and 4 o'clock P. M. assigned for a further consideration thereof.

Ordered, That Mr. *Dawes*, Mr. *Page*, and Mr. *Thatcher*, be a committee to examine into the progress made by the committee for calling public defaulters to account; and report.

Ordered, That Mr. *Sullivan*, Mr. *Dwight*, and Mr. *Mitchel*, be a committee to report what sums of money are necessary to be granted to the Governors of *Harvard College*, in full for their salaries to *January* last.

The Secretary brought down the following message from his Excellency the Governor, viz.

Gentlemen of the Senate, and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives,

THE communications which I have received from Congress during the recess of the General Court, I have directed the Secretary to lay before you. The measures taken by Congress to ease the burdens of the people, is highly becoming the wisdom which that Hon. Body have so often exhibited during the late distresses of the country. I most firmly trust that this State will not be the last in adopting such measures as shall support our credit abroad, and diminish the foreign and domestic debt. A punctilious

tilious regard to our engagements as a nation is absolutely necessary to the support of our credit, and a strict attention to the law of nations, together with a body of good laws executed with justice and energy, cannot fail to support our freedom and render us a happy people. In order to give the executive and judicial branches of the government that force which is necessary to the security and happiness of the people, will it not be necessary to have a body of laws compleated as soon as may be? I must refer you to the estimate which I laid before you the last session for the supplies which I conceive to be necessary to the charges of the current year, relying that the importance of supporting the credit of the government, will be a sufficient inducement to that attention which the finances of the State may demand. An opportunity now offers itself for turning the unappropriated lands of this State, both on th westward of the *Hudson* and the eastward of *Piscataqua Rivers* to advantage, in lessening the public debt; while the people feel the necessary taxes so heavy upon them, this appears an object of such magnitude, that I cannot omit recommending it to your consideration.

I have directed the Secretary to lay before you a list of the persons who have returned, and been licenced to reside here during the pleasure of the General Court, in consequence of the act passed the last session.

The Secretary will also lay before you the act passed last session, appointing commissioners from the State of *New-York* for ascertaining the line described in the act to have been mutually agreed upon in the year 1772. The execution of this business has been prevented by a defect in the act. The line agreed to was in 1773, and not in 1772; the several papers have been returned by the commissioners, and nothing has been done. You will take such measures as you judge necessary to remedy this defect.

I shall not fail in my department to give attention and dispatch to the business you may be pleased to lay before me, and shall be ready to concur with you in every matter tending to promote the public weal.

(Signed)

J O H N H A N C O C K.

Council-Chamber, *May* 27, 1784.

And the Secretary said, that by the direction of his Excellency the Governor, he had left the papers mentioned in the said message with the Hon. Senate, with his Excellency's request that the same might be communicated to this House as soon as might be.

Mr. *Sullivan* was charged with a message to the Hon. Senate, to request them to send down the bill for establishing naval officers. Which the Hon. Mr. *Stone* brought down accordingly

On motion, *Voted*, That the order of yesterday, appointing a committee of the House to report a bill for regulating the exports of this Commonwealth, be reconsidered, and that a joint committee be appointed for considering the state of the exports of this Commonwealth, and report such regulations as may be necessary relative to the same. Mr. *Swan*, Mr. *Potter*, and Mr. *Phillips*, were then appointed on said committee on the part of the House.

Sent up for concurrence.

The Hon. Mr. *Norton* brought down an order of Senate of this day, appointing *Samuel Baker*, *Charles Turner*, and *Tristram Dalton*, Esq's.

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with such as the House might join, a committee to wait on the Governor, and inform him of the several gentlemen this day qualified as Councillors, being chosen to and qualified for exercising the said office.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred, and Mr. *Phillips*, Mr. *Goodale*, Mr. *Vans*, and Mr. *Hunt*, were joined.

The Hon. Mr. *Brooks* brought down an order of Senate of this day, directing the Clerk of the Senate to notify the Secretary, Treasurer, and Commissary-General, of their respective elections.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

A bill intituled, "An act for regulating the fees and forms in the naval offices within this Commonwealth." Read a first time, and Tuesday next, 10 o'clock A. M. assigned for a second reading thereof.

A bill entitled, "An act for establishing naval offices in this Commonwealth." Read a first time, and Tuesday next, 10 o'clock A. M. assigned for a second reading thereof.

The said bills were then committed to Mr. *Dane*, Mr. *Page*, and Mr. *Rowe*.

Adjourned to three o'clock, P. M.

Afternoon.

Met according to adjournment.

A Petition from the selectmen of *Ashfield*, praying to be empowered to choose a collector, in the room of one who had removed from the town. Read and committed to Mr. *Bancroft*, Mr. *Lee*, and Mr. *Singletary*.

A petition from a committee of the town of *Long-Meadow*, praying for a certain gore of land to be annexed to them, &c. Read and committed to Mr. *Dane*, Mr. *Ely*, and Mr. *Greenwood*.

The Hon. Mr. *Stone* brought down the Governor's message of this day, and papers accompanying, with the following order of Senate thereon, viz.

In Senate, May 28, 1784.

Read and thereupon Ordered, That *Eleazer Brooks*, and *Cotton Tufts*, Esq's. with such as the Hon. House shall join, be a committee to take this message into consideration, with the papers accompanying the same, and report what may be proper to be done thereon.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and non-concurred,

And thereupon Ordered, That Mr. *Sullivan*, Mr. *Vans*, and Mr. *Hofmer*, be a committee to consider said message, arrange the papers accompanying, and report what committees may be necessary to be appointed thereon.

The Hon. Mr. *Nichols* brought down letters from the following gentlemen, viz. *James Lunt*, *Sturgis Gorham*, *Arthur Noble*, *Christopher Hufsey*, *Moses Greenleaf* and *Thomas Cooke*, signifying their acceptance of their respective appointments as collectors of excise for the several counties for which they were chosen. *In Senate.* Read and sent down.

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The Hon. Mr. *Wells* came down and said, that the Senate requested the honorable House to send up a report of a committee on the 8th article of the confederation, and an engross'd bill directing the assessors to make returns of the polls and estates in the several towns : Which were sent up accordingly.

The committee on the Governor's message, reported, 1st. That so much thereof as relates to the supplies necessary for the charges of the current year, with so much of the resolution of Congress of the 27th *April* last, as relates to taxes, be committed to a committee of the House, to consider and report what sums are necessary to be raised, and the ways and means of raising the same.

2d. That a joint committee be raised to consider the act for settling the line with *New-York*, and to report thereon.

3d. That the residue of said message, and the residue of the papers accompanying the same, be committed to a committee of both Houses.

Which report was read and accepted, and it was *Ordered*, That Mr. *Sullivan* and Mr. *Robbins*, with such as the honorable Senate may join, be a committee on the subject matter of the second article ; and that Mr. *Sullivan*, Mr. *Grout*, Mr. *Breck*, and Mr. *Dane*, with such as the Hon. Senate may join, be a committee on the subject matter of the third article.

Sent up for concurrence.

It was then *Ordered*, That Mr. *Phillips*, Mr. *Clarke*, Mr. *Thatcher*, of *Gorham*, Mr. *Bragdon*, and Mr. *Vans*, be a committee on the subject matter of the first article in said report.

The Hon. Mr. *Freeman* brought down a petition from the proprietors of the township of *Machias*, praying for a confirmation of their grant made by the King of *Great-Britain*, the conditions thereof having been performed. Also, similar petitions from the proprietors of *Candler's-River*, the inhabitants of *Pleasant-River*, upper township, and the inhabitants of *Pleasant-River*, lower township ; with an order of Senate of this day, committing the same petitions to the committee appointed the 28th of *October*, 1783, to examine into all trespasses and illegal entries on the unappropriated lands in the county of *Lincoln*.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the committee appointed to consider whether the charge subsisting against the member from *Oxford* was such as rendered him incapable of holding a seat in this House. And after debate, resolved as follows, *viz.* *Jeremiah Learned*, Esq; returned as a member from *Oxford*, being indicted at the Supreme Judicial Court for seditiously and riotously opposing the collection of public taxes, and being bound by recognizance with sureties to appear and take his trial at the Supreme Judicial Court, next to be holden at *Worcester*, within and for the county of *Worcester*, on the third Tuesday of *September* next, and in the mean time to keep the peace and to be of good behaviour.

Resolved, That the said *Jeremiah Learned's* right to hold a seat in the House, be suspended, until he shall have his trial on the aforesaid indictment.

The Hon. Mr. *Bailies* brought down the order of the House of this day on the Governor's message. *In Senate.* Read and non-concurred.

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Also, The following orders of Senate, of this day, viz. That *Cotton Tufts*, and *Tristram Dalton*, Esq's. with such as the House might join, be a committee to consider the Governor's message of this day, and the papers referred to therein; except that part of the said message, and those papers which refer to the line between this Commonwealth and *New-York*; and which relate to the supplies necessary to defray the charges of the current year; and except so much of the resolution accompanying the message as relates to taxes; and report.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred, and Mr. *Sullivan*, Mr. *Grout*, and Mr. *Osgood*, were joined.

That *Eleazer Bridge*, Esq; with such as the House might join, be a committee to consider of the act for settling the line between this Commonwealth and *New-York*, running eastward of *Hudson's-River*; and report.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred, and Mr. *Ely*, of *Springfield*, and Mr. *Jenkes*, were joined.

Adjourned to Saturday, 9 o'clock, A. M.

S A T U R D A Y, May 29, 1784.

Met according to adjournment.

A PETITION from the selectmen of *Athol*, praying that the district of *Orange* might be obliged to support their proportion of the bridges in said town. Read and committed to Mr. *Fairbanks*, Mr. *Mitchel*, and Mr. *Claggan*.

A petition from *Samuel Spencer*, praying for a grant of lands therein mentioned. Read and committed to Mr. *Childs*, Mr. *Hill*, and Mr. *Jones*.

A petition from *Paul Dudley Sargeant*, as administrator on the estate of *Catherine Sargeant*, a creditor to the estate of *William Browne*, an absentee, setting forth, that she had failed in obtaining an allowance of a debt due from said absentee, through ignorance of commissioners being appointed to examine the claims against the same *Browne's* estate, and praying still to be allowed said debt. Read and committed to Mr. *King*.

Member from *Dracut* had leave of absence.

The Hon. Mr. *Stone* brought down an order of Senate of this day, appointing *Seth Washburn*, Esq; with such as the House might join, a committee to consider and report the measures necessary to be taken relative to a number of intrenching tools, directed to be provided for the use of the State, and to be lodged under the care of the selectmen of the several towns.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred, and Mr. *Hooper*, and Mr. *Davis*, were joined.

Member from *Mansfield* had leave of absence till Wednesday next.

On the petition of *William Cooke*, a resolve for notifying *Gabriel Jobennot* to appear the ninth day of *June* next, to shew cause, &c. and for staying execution in the mean time.

Read and passed.

Sent up for concurrence.

A petition from *Nathaniel Jennison*, praying that a judgment obtained against

against him in a Court of law, might be set aside, for reasons mentioned. Read and committed to Mr. *Fessenden*, Mr. *Ely*, and Mr. *Hall*.

The committee on the petition of *P. D. Sargeant*, reported a resolve empowering the Judge of Probate to cause the commissioners on the estate of *William Browne*, to examine further claims thereon. Read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

A petition from the inhabitants of *Watertown*, *Weston*, and *Waltham*, praying for a lottery to enable them to repair the bridge over the *Great-River*, in said *Watertown*. Read and committed to Mr. *Davis*, Mr. *Parker*, and Mr. *Carnes*.

The committee on the petition of the third parish in *Cambridge*, by their committee reported, that the petitioners have leave to bring in a bill according to the prayer thereof. Read and accepted.

And thereupon Ordered, That the petitioners have leave to bring in a bill accordingly.

Sent up for concurrence.

Ordered, That the Treasurer and Receiver-General lay his accounts before the House up to the first day of *June*, the present year.

Ordered, That the Commissary-General lay his accounts before the House up to the first day of *June*, the present year.

The Hon. Mr. *Fuller* brought down a petition from *James Soull*, and an order of Senate of this day, committing the same to *Eleazer Brooks*, and *William Heath*, Esq's. with such as the House might join.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred, and *Hunt*, Mr. *Dwight*, and Mr. *Dane*, were joined.

A petition from *Joshua Hubbard*, in behalf of the town of *Kittery*, praying that a fine laid on them for neglecting to send a representative in the year 1772, might be remitted. Read and committed to Mr. *Hosmer*, Mr. *Fairbanks*, and Mr. *Hall*.

The committee appointed to consider of the expence of printing the acts and resolves of the General Court, &c. made report of the terms of the different printers, &c. Whereupon it was

Voted, That the said committee agree for the printing of the journals of the House upon such terms as shall appear most advantageous to them.

It was then Ordered, That the members of the said committee, with such as the honorable Senate may join, be a committee to contract with some suitable person or persons for the printing of the acts and resolves of the General Court the present year,

Sent up for concurrence.

The Hon. Mr. *Turner* brought down an order of Senate of this day, as follows, viz. That *Eleazer Brooks*, and *Samuel Phillips*, jun. Esq's. with such as the Hon. House shall join, be a committee to consider the expediency of establishing the rank which ought to take place among the several branches or departments in government,---legislative, executive and judiciary; and also the relative rank of the military, and report.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred, and Mr. *Dawes*, Mr. *King*, and Mr. *Robbins*, were joined.

The Hon. Mr. *Turner* came down and said, that the Senate requested the House to send up such of the bills reported by the committee appointed to revise the laws, as lay on their files. The said bills were sent up accordingly.

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The committee appointed to consider what standing committees might be necessary, made report, and Tuesday next, 10 o'clock A. M. was assigned for considering the same.

A petition from *John Amory*, setting forth, that he was included in the description of persons who were declared aliens by the laws of this Commonwealth, but that he had not borne arms against it, or lent money to the enemy; and therefore praying that he might become a citizen of this Commonwealth, by an act of naturalization, or otherwise. Read, and ordered to lie till the committee on that part of the Governor's message, relating to persons of this description, should report.

The committee on the petition of *Robert Pegin*, and the petitions of other Indians, praying for liberty to sell their lands, reported verbally, that a committee be appointed to bring in a bill for repealing the laws laying restrictions on the sale of Indian lands. Which report being debated, was ordered to be re-committed.

The Hon. Mr. *Hastings* brought down a report of the committee on the residuary part of the Governor's message, by way of an order, as follows, *viz.* That the committee for revising of laws be directed to inform the General Court, how far the said committee have executed the business of their commission, and how soon in their opinion the same will be completed. *In Senate, May, 29, 1784.* Read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

Adjourned to Monday morning, ten o'clock.

M O N D A Y, May 31, 1784.

Met according to adjournment.

On motion,

ORDERED, That Mr. *Clarke*, Mr. *Mitchel*, and Mr. *Fessenden*, be a committee to report a bill for making real estate liable for the payment of taxes, in cases where the tenants remove out of any town after the taxes are assessed.

A petition from *John Graff*, late a soldier in the *Massachusetts* line of the army, setting forth that his wages had been paid by the Treasurer to a forged order, and praying that some order might be taken in his favour. Read and committed to Mr. *Stearns*, Mr. *Hobart*, and Mr. *Sprout*.

The Hon. Mr. *Washburn* brought down the report of the committee appointed to consider what public business is necessary to be acted upon the present session. *In Senate, May 29, 1784.* Read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

And it was thereupon Ordered, That Mr. *Osgood*, and Mr. *Swan*, with such as the Hon. Senate might join, be a committee to take into consideration the recommendation of Congress, respecting an alteration of the 8th article of the confederation; and report.

Sent up for concurrence.

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That Mr. *Thatcher*, and Mr. *Robbins*, with such as the Hon. Senate might join, be a committee to enquire into the progress made in the settlement of the accounts of this Commonwealth against the United States; and report.

Sent up for concurrence.

That Mr. *Davis*, of *Boston*, Mr. *Phillips*, and Mr. *Rowe*, with such as the Hon. Senate might join, be a committee to enquire into the settlement of the accounts of committees and agents on absentees estates; and report.

Sent up for concurrence.

That Mr. *Sullivan*, Mr. *Clarke*, and Mr. *Breck*, with such as the Hon. Senate might join, be a committee to report a bill for requiring a return of the buildings and lands in this Commonwealth, agreeably to the requisition of Congress, and the eighth article in the confederation.

Sent up for concurrence.

The Hon. Mr. *Turner* brought down a letter from the Hon. *Jeremiah Powell*, Esq; signifying his acceptance of his election as a Councillor.

Read and sent up.

The Hon. Mr. *Dalton* came down and said, that the Senate proposed a convention of the two Houses immediately, for the purpose of qualifying the Hon. *Jeremiah Powell*, Esq; for exercising the duties of his office :

Mr. *Davis* was charged with a message to acquaint the Hon. Senate that the House agreed to the proposal. Whereupon the two Houses assembled together in one room, and the Hon. Gentleman aforesaid was in their presence qualified for exercising the duties of the office aforesaid, by taking the oaths and subscribing the declarations pointed out in the constitution. The Houses then separated.

Voted, That no gentleman have leave of absence till he has discharged himself of all the business that may have been committed to him.

A letter from the Hon. *Samuel Osgood*, Esq; relative to his accounts as a delegate to Congress. Read and *Ordered*, That Mr. *Thatcher*, Mr. *Rowe*, and Mr. *Skinner*, be a committee to report a state of the said accounts.

The committee appointed to report a bill making real estate liable for payment of taxes in cases where the tenants remove out of any town after the taxes are assessed, reported a bill intitled, "An act for making real estate liable for the discharge of all public taxes in certain cases." Which bill was then read the first time, and Tuesday, 10 o'clock, A. M. assigned for the second reading of the same.

A precept was issued to the town of *Newbury-Port*, to chuse a representative (if they see cause) in the room of the Hon. *Tristram Dalton*, Esq; chosen a Senator, agreeably to order.

Mr. *Davis* was charged with a message to the Hon. Senate, to request them to send down the bills reported by the committee appointed to revise the laws. The Hon. Mr. *Turner* came down and said, that he was directed by the Senate to bring down such of the said bills as were not under their consideration, which he laid on the table accordingly. The following bill was then taken up and read the first time, viz. A bill entitled, "An act for regulation of seamen," and Tuesday next, 10 o'clock, A. M. was assigned for the second reading thereof. The said bill was then committed to Mr. *King*, Mr. *Dane*, and Mr. *Breck*, to consider in the mean time.

On motion, A message was sent to the Hon. Senate to request them to send

send down a bill, intituled, " An act ascertaining the rates at which coined silver and gold, and English half-pence and farthings may pass within this Commonwealth." Which bill was brought down accordingly, and read the first time. Tuesday next, 12 o'clock was then assigned for the second reading thereof. The said bill was then committed to Mr. *Osgood*, Mr. *Breck*, and Mr. *Phillips*, to consider in the mean time.

A bill intituled, " An act establishing a Court of Admiralty within this Commonwealth." Read the first time, and Tuesday next, 3 o'clock P. M. assigned for the second reading thereof.

A bill intituled, " An act for preventing damage to lands, tenements and public monuments." Read the first time, and Tuesday next, three o'clock, P. M. assigned for the second reading thereof.

A bill intituled, " An act to prevent cruelty to brute creatures." Read the first time, Tuesday next, four o'clock, P. M. assigned for the second reading thereof.

A bill intituled, " An act for regulating the proceedings of proprietors of townships or new plantations granted by the General Court." Read the first time, and Tuesday, five o'clock, P. M. assigned for the second reading thereof.

A petition from *Mary Wheelwright*, setting forth, that her lands had been sold to pay the public taxes, at a very low rate, and that she had not availed herself of the equity of redemption allowed in such cases, through ignorance; and praying that she might still be allowed to redeem the same, the legal time for that purpose being elapsed notwithstanding. Read and committed to Mr. *King*, Mr. *Crafts* and Mr. *Ely*.

A bill intituled. " An act providing for the assessing and collecting of taxes in plantations." Read the first time, and Tuesday, five o'clock, P. M. assigned for the second reading thereof.

Ordered, That Mr. *Swan*, Mr. *Phillips*, and Mr. *Clarke*, be a committee to bring in a resolve providing suitable methods of contracting for taking care of the poor supported at the charge of the Commonwealth, in *Boston*.

Adjourned to three o'clock, P. M.

Afternoon.

Met according to adjournment.

A BILL intituled, " An act against Hawkers, Pedlars, and petty Chapmen." Read the first time, and Tuesday, 3 o'clock P. M. assigned for the second reading thereof.

A bill intituled, " An act for culling of fish, and for choosing one or more persons in the sea-port towns annually for that purpose." Read the first time, and Tuesday next, 4 o'clock P. M. assigned for the second reading thereof.

A bill intituled, " An act for regulating the commencement of the year, and for correcting the calendar." Read the first time, and Tuesday next, 5 o'clock P. M. assigned for the second reading thereof.

A bill intituled, " An act directing the manner in which rates and taxes shall be assessed and collected." Read the first time, and Tuesday, 10 o'clock A. M. assigned for the second reading thereof. A

A bill intituled, "An act directing the process in *Habeas Corpus*." Read the first time, and Wednesday next, 11 o'clock A. M. assigned for the second reading thereof.

The terms of printing the resolve of Congress of the 7th of *April*, communicated with his Excellency the Governor's message being laid before the House, it was *Ordered*, That Mr. *Fessenden*, Mr. *Carnes*, and Mr. *Bragdon*, be a committee to agree with Messrs. *Adams* and *Nurse* for printing five hundred copies of said resolve in pamphlets, upon the terms offered by them.

A petition from *Ephraim Fairbanks*, in behalf of the town of *Bolton*, praying that *Joel Fosgate* might be empowered to collect certain taxes assessed on the inhabitants of the district of *Berlin*, he being chosen constable in the room of one *Benjamin Baker*, to whom the collection of the said taxes originally belonged. Read and committed to Mr. *Thurston*, Mr. *Lee*, and Mr. *Thatcher*, of *Gorham*.

A petition from *Ephraim Cook*, praying for the payment of a pension granted him in the year 1759, and which had ceased during the late war. Read, and thereupon *Ordered*, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

A petition from the inhabitants of *Wareham*, praying for an easement in their taxes. Read and committed to Mr. *Shurtliff*, Mr. *Singletary*, and Mr. *Curtis*.

A petition from *Nahum Taft*, praying for a new trial in an action between him and one *Ebenezer Grosvenor*, for reasons set forth. Read and committed to Mr. *Reed*, Mr. *Crafts*, and Mr. *Mitchel*.

A petition from *Joseph Kilburn*, and others, creditors to the estate of *Abel Willard*, Esq; praying that their claims might be examined, the time allowed for that purpose having elapsed notwithstanding. Read and committed to Mr. *Fessenden*, Mr. *Dwight*, and Mr. *Stearns*.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hill*, Mr. *Bragdon*, and Mr. *Lothrop*, be a committee to procure the printing of the sermon preached on the last election day.

A petition from *Joseph Veriton*, and *Ralph Veriton*, setting forth that they were bound for the appearance of one *Jonathan Streeter*, at the Supreme Judicial Court, to answer to an indictment found against him; and that the said *Streeter* did not appear, and praying to be relieved from the penalty thereby incurred. Read and *Ordered*, That the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition.

A petition from *Calvin Partridge*, as administrator on the estate of Col. *Ichabod Alden*, deceased, praying that he might draw the four years pay due to the said *Alden*'s widow and children, by resolve of Congress, for their use. Read and committed to Mr. *Robbins*, Mr. *Lothrop*, and Mr. *Sanger*.

Adjourned to Tuesday morning, 9 o'clock.

TUESDAY,

T U E S D A Y, June 1, 1784.

Met according to adjournment.

A PETITION from *Ephraim Wilder*, in behalf of the town of *Sterling*, praying that a fine laid on them for not sending a representative in the year 1782, might be remitted. Read and committed to Mr. *Singletary*, Mr. *Chamberlain*, and Mr. *Farmer*.

Mr. *Marston* had leave of absence.

The Hon. Mr. *Bridge* brought down an order of Senate of yesterday, directing the Secretary to acquaint the Governor, that the Hon. *Jeremiah Powell*, Esq; had taken the oaths and subscribed the articles to qualify him as a member of the Council. Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

Also, A bill intituled, "An act for the appointing and empowering commissioners on the part of this Commonwealth, in conjunction with such as are or may be appointed by the State of *New-York*, to ascertain the boundary line between the Commonwealth and State aforesaid, eastward of *Hudson's-River*."

In Senate, May 31, 1784. This bill having had two several readings, passed to be engrossed. Sent down for concurrence.

Read the first time, and four o'clock, P. M. assigned for the second reading thereof.

A petition from *Ebenezer Crafts*, in behalf of the town of *Sturbridge*, praying to be relieved from the support of a pauper, who was a foreigner. Read and committed to Mr. *Prentice*, Mr. *Jenkes*, and Mr. *Thompson*, of *Scarborough*.

A petition from *James Swan*, and others, owners of the ship *Ann*, setting forth, that the cargo of said ship had been greatly injured, and praying that the duties might be proportionably lowered. Read and committed to Mr. *Rowe*, Mr. *Sargeant*, and Mr. *Fairbanks*.

A bill intituled, "An act for regulation of seamen." Read the second time, and Wednesday next three o'clock, P. M. assigned for the third reading thereof.

The House proceeded according to assignment to consider the report of the committee appointed to consider what standing committees might be necessary; and it was thereupon,

Ordered, That Mr. *Crafts*, Mr. *Reed*, Mr. *Rowe*, Mr. *King*, and Mr. *Greenwood*, be a committee to examine into the business of the committee for stating and methodizing the public accounts, and to consider whether the same could not be more advantageously conducted by an Auditor-General, or other individual person; and report.

Ordered, That Mr. *Washbourn*, Mr. *Manning*, and Mr. *Mitchel*, be a committee to consider all petitions for pensions, and report.

The consideration of chusing a committee to examine and pass public accounts, was then referred without day; and the question being put, whether the House would chuse a standing committee on county Treasurer's accounts, it passed in the negative.

The committee on the petition of *Watertown*, and other towns, reported

ed a resolve for allowing them a sum of money out of the public treasury, to enable them to widen the great bridge in said town, which was read and not accepted; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the petitioners have leave to bring in a bill for raising ten hundred pounds for the purpose of repairing the said bridge by a lottery.

The committee appointed to consider the grants necessary to be made to the Governors of Harvard-College, made report, and Wednesday next, 11 o'clock, A. M. was assigned for considering the same.

The committee on the petition of *Ephraim Fairbanks*, in behalf of the town of *Bolton*, reported a resolve granting the prayer thereof. Read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

The Hon. Mr. *Nichols* brought down a letter of resignation from the Hon. *Joshua Orne*, Esq; as a Notary-Public for the port of *Marblehead*.

In Senate. Read and lent down.

Read and sent up.

The Hon. Mr. *Bailies* brought down a petition from *Josiah Moor*, praying for execution to be stayed, and a new trial granted in an action between *Edward* and *Hapsebeth Raymond*, administrators, and himself.

In Senate, June 1, 1784.

Read and committed to *Samuel Baker*, Esq; with such as the House might join.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred, and Mr. *Vans*, and Mr. *Stebbins*, were joined.

A bill intituled, "An act ascertaining the rates at which coined silver and gold, and English half-pence and farthings may pass within this Commonwealth." Read the second time, and Wednesday, 9 o'clock A. M. assigned for the third reading thereof.

A petition from *John Carnes*, in behalf of the town of *Lynn*, praying for an easment in their taxes. Read and committed to Mr. *Hosmer*, Mr. *Brown*, of *Framingham*, and Mr. *Chamberlain*.

The Hon. Mr. *Dalton* brought down the following order of Senate of this day, viz. That *Stephen Choate*, and *Tristram Dalton*, Esq's. with such as the Hon. House shall join, be a committee to prepare and report an answer to the Governor's message to both Houses, of the 27th ult.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred, and Mr. *Sullivan*, Mr. *King*, and Mr. *Brëck*, were joined.

A bill intituled, "An act establishing the process in replevin." Read the first time, and Wednesday, 3 o'clock P. M. assigned for the second reading thereof.

A bill intituled, "An act for granting a lottery for the purpose of widening the Great-Bridge over *Charles-River*, in the town of *Watertown*," was reported according to leave given, and read the first time, and Wednesday next, 12 o'clock, was assigned for the second reading of the same.

A bill intituled, "An act regulating bail in civil actions." Read the first time, and Wednesday, 4 o'clock P. M. assigned for the second reading thereof.

A petition from *Hezekiah Smith*, praying leave to pay for a small house purchased by him of the committee on absentees estates, in the county of *Essex*,

Essex, in public securities. Read and committed to Mr. *Thurston*, Mr. *Vans*, and Mr. *West*.

The committee on the petitions of *Afa Day*, and *David Day*, reported verbally, that the same lie on the table. Report accepted, and ordered, that said petitions lie accordingly.

A bill intituled, "An act prescribing forms of writs in civil causes." Read the first time, and Wednesday, next, 5 o'clock P. M. assigned for the second reading thereof.

Adjourned to three o'clock, P. M.

Afternoon.

Met according to adjournment.

A PETITION from *Josiah Lyman*, praying an allowance for cloathing lost while he was a soldier in the service. Read and committed to Mr. *White*, Mr. *Skinner*, and Mr. *Hobbs*.

Mr. *Greenwood*, and Mr. *Bourn*, had leave of absence.

A petition from *Daniel Descombe*, late a soldier in the army, setting forth, that his wages had been paid to a forged order, and praying relief. Read and committed to Mr. *Stearns*, and others, a committee on a similar petition from *John Graff*.

A bill intituled, "An act establishing the right to, and the form of the writ *de homine replegiands*." Read the first time, and Wednesday, 3 o'clock P. M. assigned for the second reading thereof.

Ordered, That Mr. *Ely*, Mr. *Jones*, and Mr. *Dawes*, be a committee to consider the expediency of the Commissary-General's giving bond for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office; and report.

A bill intituled, "An act for preventing damage to lands, tenements, and public monuments." Read a second time, and Wednesday, 3 o'clock P. M. assigned for the third reading thereof.

The Hon. Mr. *Nichols* brought down a representation from the committee for stating and methodizing the public accounts, that the house in which they sit was demanded by *William Jackson*, an absentee, the original owner, and praying the direction of the Court as to delivering up said house.

In Senate, June 1, 1784. Read and committed to *Charles Turner*, and *Seth Washburn*, Esq's. with such as the House might join.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred, and Mr. *Osgood*, Mr. *Bacon*, and Mr. *White*, were joined.

Also the order of the House of the 29th ult. appointing a committee to contract for the printing of the resolves and laws of the General Court.

In Senate. Read and concurred, with amendments.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

Also the petition of *Enoch Bartlett*, and others, entered the 4th of June last. *In Senate*, June 1, 1784. Read and Ordered, That this petition

tion be committed to the committee appointed the 28th *October* last, relative to the unappropriated lands within the three eastern counties, directing the committee appointed the first of *May*, 1781, in this case, &c.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

The committee on the letter from the Hon. *Samuel Osgood*, Esq; reported a resolve allowing him three hundred and seventy-five pounds seventeen shillings and four-pence, in full of his expenditures and services as a delegate at Congress, to the 1st of *May* last. Read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Ordered, That Mr. *Sullivan*, Mr. *Bacon*, and Mr. *King*, be a committee to devise ways to bring persons who have public monies in their hands to account; and report.

A petition from *Peter Castaing*, and *William Eyssandeau*, late Captains in the *Massachusetts* line of the army, setting forth that they were natives of *France*, and were prevented returning home by means of their pay being in public notes, which could not be sold without a great discount, and praying to be relieved. Read and committed to Mr. *Breck*, Mr. *Bancroft*, and Mr. *Sargeant*.

The Hon. Mr. *Durfee* brought down a memorial from *Thomas Brattle*, stating that soon after the battle at *Lexington* he left *America*, and that on his return he was excluded from this State; that he had since obtained a licence to reside there from the Governor and Council, agreeably to law; and praying to be admitted to the rights of citizenship. In Senate, *June* 1, 1784. Read and thereupon Ordered, That *Stephen Choate*, and *Charles Turner*, Esq's. with such as the Hon. House shall join, be a committee to take this memorial into consideration, and report what may be proper to be done thereon.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and non-concurred, and ordered said petition to lie.

A bill intituled, "An act providing for the assessing and collecting of taxes in plantations." Read the second time, and Thursday next, 10 o'clock A. M. assigned for the third reading thereof.

A bill intituled, "An act for the appointing and empowering commissioners on the part of this Commonwealth, in conjunction with such as are or may be appointed by the State of *New-York*, to ascertain the boundary line between the Commonwealth and State aforesaid, eastward of *Hudson's-River*." Read the second time, and Wednesday 4 o'clock P. M. assigned for the third reading thereof.

A petition from *William Todd*, and *Gawen Brown*, praying to be indemnified against a law suit commenced against them for a boat taken in the public service. Read and committed to Mr. *Brown*, of *Lexington*, Mr. *Putnam*, and Mr. *Davis*, of *Plymouth*.

The member from *Duxboro'* had leave of absence.

A petition from *John Graft*, late a soldier in the *Massachusetts* line of the army, stating that he had not received the bounty allowed by the General Court, and praying the same might now be paid him. Read and committed to Mr. *Hobbs*, Mr. *Lee*, and Mr. *Ball*, to be taken up at large.

The Hon. Mr. *Choate* brought down the report of the committee to enquire into the produce of the light-houses, &c. that the same amounted for six months past to 260l. 1s. 6d. and that it would be nearly equal to the

the amount of the expence *In Senate, June 1, 1784.* Read and sent down.

Read and committed to Mr. Ely, Mr. Godfrey, and Mr. Davis, of Boston.

Also, The report of the committee to prepare and report an answer to the Governor's message of the 27th ult. as follows :

To his Excellency John Hancock, Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

May it please your Excellency,

T H E communications which your Excellency has received from Congress, in the late recess of the General Court, and which accompanied your message of the 27th May last, are of great importance to the United States, and afford further evidence of the attention with which that Honorable Body regards the interest of their constituents.

The General Court of this State are zealous to improve the resources with which Providence has favoured this people, to the important purposes of lessening the foreign and domestic debt ; and they cannot but view the unappropriated lands belonging to this Commonwealth, both on the westward of the Hudson, and the eastward of Piscataqua-Rivers, as great objects of their attention in the finances of the government. Should the endeavours of the Legislature be crowned with that success which may be reasonably expected, the good people of this State, in a short space of time, may be eased from their present burthen of public debt ; and by a system of laws inculcating public virtue and good morals, judiciously applied and faithfully and impartially executed, aided by examples of frugality and economy, they may hope to reap advantages from the late glorious revolution, equal to the vigorous exertions which they have made.

The defect, mentioned by your Excellency, in the act made for settling the line with the State of New-York, on the eastern side of Hudson's-River, will be immediately rectified.

As the General Court have no doubt of your Excellency's attention in your department, to those measures which are necessary to the public weal ; so it is their intention to conduct the business of legislation with that dispatch and propriety, which the true interest of their constituents demands.

In Senate, June 1, 1784. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred, and Ordered, That Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Manning, Mr. Hunt, and Mr. Ely, with such as the Hon. Senate may join, be a committee to present said answer.

Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned to Wednesday morning, 9 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, June 2, 1784.

Met according to adjournment.

T H E committee appointed to procure the printing of Mr. Hemmenway's election sermon, requested the direction of the House, as to the number of copies to be struck off ; and it was Voted, That the said

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committee procure the same number of copies as were printed the last year.

An account from *Samuel Cooke*, for supporting certain horses in the public service, during the disturbances at *North-Hampton*. Read and committed to Mr. *Tomson*, Mr. *Bent*, and Mr. *Stone*.

Ordered, That the Secretary lay before the House the petition of *Timothy Childs*, and others, and the papers accompanying, which was brought down accordingly.

A bill intituled, "An act establishing the salaries and fees of the officers and servants of government therein-mentioned." Read the first time, and Friday next, 3 o'clock P. M. assigned for the second reading thereof. The said bill was then committed to Mr. *Bacon*, Mr. *Hobbs*, Mr. *Curtis*, Mr. *Manning*, and Mr. *Singletary*, to consider in the mean time; and report.

The Hon. Mr. *Freeman* brought down the petition of *Benjamin Converse*, and an answer of *Jacob Davis*, thereto. In Senate, June 2, 1784. Read again, and committed with the said answer, to *Jonathan Hastings*, and *William Baylies*, Elq's with such as the House might join.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred, and Mr. *Osgood*, Mr. *Sullivan*, and Mr. *Breck*, were joined.

The committee on the petition of *Robert Pegin*, and other Indians, reported a resolve authorizing their guardians to sell their lands as prayed for. Read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

The same committee reported, That *John Peas*, and others, inhabitants of *Edgartown*, praying to be allowed to purchase Indian lands, should have leave to withdraw their petition. Report accepted, and ordered accordingly.

The same committee also reported, that *Rachel*, *Amos*, and *Jeremiah Sawamog*, should have leave to withdraw their petitions likewise. Report accepted, and ordered accordingly.

A petition from *William Hobart*, praying the attention of government to several petitions presented in behalf of the town of *Groton*, praying an easement in their taxes. Read and committed to Mr. *Davis*, of *Boston*, Mr. *Stearns*, and Mr. *Cowden*.

The committee on the petition of *Nathaniel Jennison*, reported a resolve granting the prayer thereof; which being debated was recommitted.

A petition from a number of the freeholders, and other inhabitants of the town of *Mansfield*, setting forth that the election of Capt. *John Pratt*, as a representative for said town, was effected by undue and illegal methods; and praying the House to examine into and take order on the premises. Read and committed to Mr. *Fairbanks*, Mr. *Hosmer*, and Mr. *Thatcher*.

The committee on the petition of *Ebenezer Crafts*, in behalf of the town *Sturbridge*, reported a resolve allowing them one hundred and thirty-four pounds eleven shillings, in full for supporting *John Lace*, a State pauper. Read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

The committee appointed to bring in a resolve providing suitable means of contracting for taking care of the poor in *Boston*, reported a resolve appointing the overseers of the poor in said town, a committee for that purpose. Read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence. The

The committee on the petition of the town of *Atbal*, reported an order for notifying the town of *Orange*, to shew cause, &c. on the second Wednesday of the next session. Read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

A bill intituled, "An Act for granting a lottery for the purpose of widening and repairing the Great-Bridge over *Charles-River*, in the town of *Watertown*." Read the second time, and Thursday, 9 o'clock, A. M. assigned for the third reading thereof.

The petition of *Timothy Childs*, and others, with the answer of *Cheney Reed* thereto, was again taken up, and committed to Mr. *Dane*, Mr. *Fessenden*, and Mr. *Breck*, with such as the Hon. Senate might join.

Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned to three o'clock, P. M.

Afternoon.

Met according to adjournment.

THE Hon. Mr. *Bridge* brought down the report of the committee on the recommendation of Congress, respecting an alteration of the 8th article of the confederation, being an opinion, "That the said recommendation should be complied with, and that a bill should be prepared for that purpose."

In Senate, June 2, 1784. Read and accepted, and thereupon Ordered, That *Eleazer Brooks*, and *Ebenezer Bridge*, Esq's. with such as the Hon. House shall join, be a committee to bring in a bill accordingly.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and Ordered, That Thursday, 3 o'clock P. M. be assigned for considering the said report more fully.

The Hon. Mr. *Stone* brought down a bill intituled, "An act regulating the appointment and services of Grand Jurors." *In Senate, June 2, 1784.* Read the second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Also, A bill intituled, "An act for the distribution of insolvent estates." *In Senate, June 2, 1784.* Read the second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read the first time, and Friday next, 10 o'clock A. M. assigned for the second reading thereof.

The Hon. Mr. *Bridge* brought down a representation from Col. *John Allan*, superintendant of Indian affairs, requesting to be discharged from his trust.

In Senate, June 2, 1784. Read and committed to *Ebenezer Bridge*, Esq; with such as the House might join. Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred, and Mr. *Hobart* and Mr. *Ely* were joined.

A remonstrance from a number of the inhabitants of *Holliston*, stating that there was not due notice given of the town-meeting at which Capt. *Staples Chamberlain* was chosen representative for said town, and therefore praying that for this irregularity he might not be allowed to hold his

his seat in the House. Read and committed to Mr. *Hosmer*, Mr. *Chamberlain*, and Mr. *Fairbanks*.

Ordered, That Mr. *Sullivan*, Mr. *Hosmer*, Mr. *Bacon*, Mr. *Dawes*, and Mr. *Osgood*, with such as the Hon. Senate may join, be a committee to revise the act passed the last session of the General Court, intituled, "An act for repealing two laws of this State, and for asserting the right of this free and sovereign Commonwealth, to expel such aliens as may be dangerous to the peace and good order of government;" and report what further measures are necessary to be taken relative to the objects of the said law. Sent up for concurrence.

The committee appointed to report suitable measures for bringing persons who have public monies in their hands to account, reported a bill intituled, "An act for compelling the bailiffs, receivers, agents and committees of government, to render an account of the money and property of the State in their hands." Which bill was read the first time, and Thursday, 10 o'clock A. M. assigned for the second reading thereof.

A bill intituled, "An act for establishing naval offices in this Commonwealth." Read the second time, and Thursday 11 o'clock A. M. assigned for the third reading thereof.

A bill intituled, "An act for regulating the fees and forms in the naval offices within this Commonwealth." Read the second time, and Thursday, 11 o'clock A. M. assigned for the third reading of the same. The said bills were then committed to Mr. *Dane*, Mr. *Rowe*, and Mr. *Swan*, for consideration in the mean time.

The House assigned Thursday morning, 10 o'clock, for considering the petition of sundry towns in the counties of *Suffolk* and *Middlesex*, for a division of the same, and the answers of several towns thereto.

A petition from *John Bacon*, in behalf of the town of *Stockbridge*, stating that the Treasurer had issued his execution against them for a deficiency in the beef tax, which they in fact had paid, and praying that said execution might be recalled without costs. Read and committed to Mr. *Carnes*, Mr. *Thatcher*, and Mr. *Ashley*.

Adjourned to Thursday morning, nine o'clock.

THURSDAY, June 3, 1784.

Met according to adjournment.

A PETITION from the selectmen of *Western*, praying that a fine laid on said town for a supposed deficiency in raising one man for the army, might be remitted. Read and committed to Mr. *Sprout*, Mr. *Singleary*, and Mr. *Lethbridge*.

The committee on the petition of *Matthew Hoyt*, in behalf of the 2d clais for raising men in the town of *Amesbury*, and other petitions of a similar nature, reported a resolve, requesting Col. *Popkins*, and Col. *Badlam*, two late muster-masters, to make returns to the Treasurer of all the men mustered by them for the three year's service; and directing the
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Treasurer to stay his executions in the mean time. Read and accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

The committee on the representation from sundry inhabitants of the town of *Mansfield*, reported the following order, *viz.*

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On the petition of a number of the inhabitants of the town of *Mansfield*, in the county of *Bristol*, setting forth that the election of *John Pratt*, returned as the representative of said town, and now holding a seat in this House, was illegal, *Isaac Dean*, of said *Mansfield*, appearing in behalf of the petitioners to support said petition; and the said *Isaac Dean*, in behalf of the petitioners, and the said *John Pratt*, for himself, requesting that the Justices of the Peace for the said county, may be authorized and empowered to grant *subpœnas* for witnesses, and to take depositions relative to said election and petition :

Ordered, That the Justices of the Peace for the county of *Bristol*, or either of them, be, and hereby are authorized, empowered and directed, on the request of *Isaac Dean*, or other of the petitioners, on the one part, ; or *John Pratt*, on the other, to grant one or more summonses or *subpœnas* for any witness or witnesses, and to take depositions relative to said election and petition ; (the other party being notified) and to seal up and transmit the same to the Hon. Speaker of this House, on or before the fifteenth day of *June*, inst. when the said *John Pratt*, and the said *Isaac Dean*, or other of the petitioners, are directed and required to attend the examination of the legality of said election. And the said *John Pratt* is hereby suspended from his seat in the Legislature, until the matter is heard and determined by this House, whether his election was or was not agreeable to the constitution of this Commonwealth. Which report being read, was accepted.

A bill entitled, " An act for granting a lottery for the purpose of widening and repairing the Great-Bridge over *Charles-River*, in the town of *Watertown*." Read the third time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

The committee on the petition of *Joseph Kiiburn*, and others, reported a resolve granting the prayer thereof. Read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

A bill intituled, " An act establishing a Court of Admiralty within this Commonwealth." Read the second time, and Tuesday, 10 o'clock A. M. assigned for the third reading thereof. The said bill was then committed to Mr. *Sullivan*, Mr. *Dane*, and Mr. *Rowe*, to consider in the mean time.

A bill intituled, " An act to prevent cruelty to brute creatures." Read the second time, and Friday, 10 o'clock A. M. assigned for the third reading thereof.

The Hon. Mr. *Heath* brought down a letter from *Samuel M'Cobb*, inclosing a return of the articles found in *Penobscot*, upon the evacuation of that place by the enemy. In Senate, June 3, 1784. Read and sent down.

Read and sent up.

Also, A letter from the Hon. *George Partridge*, Esq; dated *Annapolis*,
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May 19, 1784. In Senate, June 3, 1784. Read and committed to *Tristram Dalton*, Esq; with such as the House might join.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred, and Mr. *Breck*, and Mr. *Hunt*, were joined.

A bill intituled, "An act ascertaining the rates at which coined silver and gold, and English half-pence and farthings, may pass within this Commonwealth." Read the third time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. *Davis* was charged with a message to request the Hon. Senate to send down the petition from *Dedham*, and other towns, praying for a division of the counties of *Suffolk* and *Middlesex*. Which the Hon. Mr. *Fisher* brought down accordingly. It was then Ordered, That Mr. *King*, Mr. *Bacon*, and Mr. *Dane*, with such as the Hon. Senate might join, be a committee to consider said petitions, and the answers thereto; hear the parties, and report.

Sent up for concurrence.

A bill intituled, "An act against hawkers, pedlars, and petty-chapmen." Read the second time, and Friday, 10 o'clock A. M. assigned for the third reading thereof.

A bill intituled, "An act for the appointing and empowering commissioners on the part of this Commonwealth, in conjunction with such as are or may be appointed by the State of *New-York*, to ascertain the boundary line between the Commonwealth and State aforesaid, eastward of *Hudson's-River*." Read the third time, and passed a concurrence to be engrossed.

The Hon. Mr. *Bridge* brought down a petition from *William Foster*, and other soldiers, in Col. *Webb's* regiment, stating that they were not made up in the pay-roll for a supposed neglect of duty, and praying for their wages. In Senate. Read and committed to *Ebenezer Bridge*, Esq; with such as the House might join.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and non-concurred.

Adjourned to three o'clock, P. M.

Afternoon.

Met according to adjournment.

THE committee on the account of *Samuel Cooke*, reported verbally, that he have leave to withdraw his account. Report accepted, and Ordered, That the accomptant have leave to withdraw his account accordingly.

A petition from the town of *Hubbardston*, stating certain grievances supposed to exist in the Commonwealth, and praying that they might be redressed. Read and committed to Mr. *Fessenden*, Mr. *Hobbs*, and Mr. *Brown*, of *Lexington*.

A petition from the town of *Sutton*, of a similar nature. Read and committed to the same committee.

Similar petitions from the towns of *Uxbridge*, *Charlton*, *Fitchburg*, *Worcester*, *Mendon*, and *Oxford*, were laid on the table, and by the desire of the gentlemen

gentlemen presenting the same, committed to the same committee without reading.

The Hon. Mr. *Fisher* brought down the petition of the several towns in *Dukes-County*, referred from the last session. In Senate, June 3, 1784. Read and thereupon Ordered, That *Jabez Fisher*, and *Abraham Fuller*, Esq's. be a committee, with such as the Hon. House shall join, to consider this memorial and petition, with the papers accompanying the same; and make report what may be proper to be done thereon.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred, and Mr. *Johnson*, Mr. *Godfrey*, and Mr. *Skinner*, were joined.

A petition from *Timothy Newell*, praying that the Treasurer might be directed to pay him the amount of certain beef certificates in his possession. Read and committed to Mr. *Patch*, Mr. *Jenckes*, and Mr. *Thayer*.

A petition from the town of *Stoughton*, praying to be annexed to the county which might be set off agreeably to the prayer of the petitions from *Dedham*, and other towns. Read and committed to the joint committee on said petitions.

Sent up for concurrence.

A bill intitled, "An act for regulation of seamen." Read the third time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

The Hon. Mr. *Fisher* brought down the following order of Senate, of this day, viz. That the committees of both Houses, to whom public or private business has been committed, be, and they are hereby directed, to sit in the afternoons of the Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, of the two next weeks, unless they shall be able sooner to report; either House which may be left thereby without a quorum for prosecuting business, to adjourn in the mean time. The said committees to be enquired of on the Wednesday and Saturday mornings of each of the before mentioned weeks (unless they shall have sooner reported) that the Court may learn what progress they shall have made in the execution of their respective commissions; and if any persons belonging to the said committees shall be absent, their places shall be supplied by others without delay.

Sent down for concurrence.

A bill intitled, "An act for compelling the bailiffs, receivers, agents, and committees of government, to render an account of the money and property of the State in their hands." Read the second time, and the present time was assigned for the third reading thereof. The said bill was then read the third time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

The House took up the subject of the report of the committee of both Houses, on the recommendation of Congress, relative to an alteration in the 8th article of the confederation, and assigned Friday, 10 o'clock A.M. for considering the same.

The Hon. Mr. *Stone* brought down the petition of *Oliver Wood*, and the following order of Senate of this day, thereon, viz. Read again, and no parties appearing, Ordered, That *Stephen Choate*, Esq; with such as the Hon. House shall join, be a committee to consider the said petition, and make report.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred, and Mr. *Hooper* and Mr. *Thatcher* were joined.

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Also, A bill, intituled, " An act for regulating the choice and services of Petit Jurors." *In Senate, June 3, 1784.* Read the second time, and passed to be engrossed. Sent down for concurrence.

Read the first time, and Friday, three o'clock, P. M. assigned for the second reading thereof.

The committee on such part of the Governor's message as related to taxes, reported an estimate of the sums necessary to be raised for discharging the expences of government the ensuing year, and ways and means for supplying the same; which being read, Tuesday, 10 o'clock A. M. was assigned for considering the same.

The committee on the petition of *Joshua Hubbard*, in behalf of the town of *Kittery*, reported a resolve abating them thirty-two pounds seven shillings and six pence, of the fine laid on them for not sending a representative. Read and accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

A petition from *Pierre Arsenaw*, in behalf of himself and others, *Accadian French*, praying for a grant of lands for 133 families, in the eastern unappropriated lands of this Commonwealth. Read and committed to the committee appointed by the resolve of the 28th *October*, 1783, to do certain business in the county of *Lincoln*, therein mentioned, to consider and report. Sent up for concurrence.

A petition from *Charles Purchase*, and others, praying that their title to a part of the estate of *Francis Waldo*, Esq; which was confiscated to government, might be examined into, and justice done them. Read and committed to the same committee. Sent up for concurrence.

A petition from *Joshua Henshaw*, executor, praying that commissioners might be empowered to examine his claim against the estate of *John Vassall*, an absentee, the time by law allowed for that purpose having elapsed notwithstanding. Read and committed to Mr. *Dawes*, Mr. *Bancroft*, and Mr. *Carnes*.

Adjourned to Friday morning, nine o'clock.

F R I D A Y, June 4, 1784.

Met according to adjournment.

A PETITION from *Solomon Southwick*, praying for the payment of an account for supplies to a regiment in the service of this Commonwealth, at *Rhode-Island*. Read and committed to Mr. *Thayer*, Mr. *Curtis*, and Mr. *Washbourn*.

An engrossed bill intituled, " An act for the appointing and empowering commissioners on the part of this Commonwealth, in conjunction with such as are or may be appointed by the State of *New-York*, to ascertain the boundary line between the Commonwealth and State aforesaid, eastward of *Hudson's-River*." This bill having had three several readings, passed to be enacted.

A petition from the town of *Sterling*, praying that certain persons set off from said town, might be obliged to pay their proportion of taxes
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laid on said town before they were set off. Read and committed to Mr. Fessenden, Mr. Curtis, and Mr. Stone.

The House took up the order of Senate of yesterday, directing the committees to sit at the times therein mentioned, &c. and non-concurred the same. And Mr. Bacon was charged with a message to acquaint the Hon. Senate, that the House would enjoin their committees on public business, to sit at the times mentioned in said order; and to request that the Senate would enjoin the committees on their part to sit likewise. The committees of the House were laid under an injunction accordingly.

The committee on the petition of John Graff, presented the 31st ult. reported verbally, that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition. Report accepted, and Ordered, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition accordingly.

The Hon. Mr. Durfee brought down the order of the House of the 2d inst. on the petition of the town of Atbol. In Senate, June 4, 1784. Read and concurred, as taken into a new draft.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

Also, A petition from the selectmen of Princetown, praying that their proceedings in raising three men for the army might be confirmed, and a resolve of Senate of the 3d instant, granting the prayer thereof.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

Also, The resolve of the House of the 1st inst. in favour of the Hon. Samuel Osgood, Esq. In Senate, June 4, 1784. Read and concurred with amendment.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

A bill intituled, "An act for the distribution of insolvent estates." Read the second time, and Tuesday, 11 o'clock A. M. assigned for the third reading thereof.

A bill intituled, "An act for preventing damage to lands, tenements, and public monuments." Read the third time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

The committee on the petition of a number of the inhabitants of the town of Holliston, relative to the election of Mr. Staples Chamberlain, a representative of said town, made report, which was read and not accepted. And thereupon Ordered, That the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition.

The petition of Phillips White, and the answer of William White thereto, with the papers accompanying, were read and committed to Mr. Brown, of Framingham, Mr. Thatcher, of Gorham, and Mr. Dwight, with such as the Hon. Senate might join.

Sent up for concurrence.

A petition from Levi Dodge, and Nathaniel Allen, praying that certain notes stolen from them might be renewed by the Treasurer. Read and committed to Mr. Carnes, Mr. Wyman, and Mr. Bancroft.

Mr. Godfrey had leave of absence.

The committee on the petition of Nathaniel Jennison, reported a resolve for staying the execution therein mentioned in part, and granting a new trial. Read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned to 3 o'clock, P. M.

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Met according to adjournment.

THE Hon. Mr. *Warner* brought down the report of the committee appointed by the last General Court, to examine into the existence, nature, object, and probable tendency of an order or society called the Cincinnati, with the following order of Senate thereon, viz. *In Senate, June 4, 1784.* Read again, and thereupon *Ordered*, That *Samuel Adams*, and *Charles Turner*, Esq's. with such as the Hon. House shall join, be a committee to consider this report; and report thereon.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred, and Mr. *Bacon*, Mr. *Hosmer*, and Mr. *Hunt*, were joined.

The Hon. Mr. *Baker* brought down the report of the committee of both Houses, on the petition of *Oliver Wood*, that a resolve be brought in for the purposes prayed for in said petition. *In Senate, June 4, 1784.* Read and accepted, and *Ordered*, That a resolve be brought in for that purpose accordingly.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

The Hon. Mr. *Durfee* brought down the report of the committee of both Houses, on the petition of *Timothy Childs*, and others, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition. *In Senate, June 4, 1784.* Read and accepted, and *Ordered*, That the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition accordingly.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and referred for further consideration, to the 16th instant.

The committee on the petition of *Solomon Southwick*, made report, which was debated and re-committed for further enquiry.

A petition from *Joseph Willard*, and others, a committee of the ministers of the congregational churches within the Commonwealth, praying for a corporation for the purpose of relieving the widows and children of deceased clergymen. Read and thereupon *Ordered*, That the petitioners have leave to bring in a bill for the purpose prayed for in their petition.

Sent up for concurrence.

The Hon. Mr. *Turner* brought down the resolve of the House of the 2d instant, empowering the overseers of the poor in *Boston* to contract for the attendance upon the sick and poor in said town. *In Senate, June 4, 1784.* Read and concurred as taken into a new draft.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

The members from *Ward*, *Townshend*, and *Amesbury*, had leave of absence.

The Hon. Mr. *Fuller* brought down the report of the committee of both Houses, on the state of the exports of this Commonwealth. That bills be brought in for the regulating of the weight and quality of barrelled beef, and other provisions. For appointing assay masters of pot and pearl ashes. And for laying duties on articles of lumber exported in bottoms not belonging to citizens of the United States. *In Senate, June 4, 1784.* Read and accepted, and *Ordered*, That the said committee prepare and report bills accordingly.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

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The Hon. Mr. *Heath* brought down the petition of the proprietors of *Stoney Brook*. In Senate, June 4. 1784. Read again and committed to *Jonathan Warner*, Esq; with such as the House might join.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred, and Mr. *Chamberlain*, and Mr. *Hill*, were joined.

The Hon. Mr. *Dalton* brought down the petition of the President and Fellows of the University at *Cambridge*, and the order of the late General Court thereon. In Senate, June 4, 1784. Read again, and committed to *Ebenezer Bridge*, Esq; with such as the House might join.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred, and Mr. *Carnes*, and Mr. *King*, were joined.

The Hon. Mr. *Washburn* brought down a petition from *Elizabeth Senab*, an Indian, praying for liberty to sell a house and land, with a resolve of Senate of this day, granting the prayer thereof.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

The House again took up the report of the committee on the recommendations of Congress, relative to an alteration of the 8th article of the confederation, and having largely debated the same, the further consideration thereof was postponed to Saturday morning, 9 o'clock.

The member from *Bolton* had leave of absence.

Adjourned to Saturday, 9 o'clock, A. M.

S A T U R D A Y, June 5, 1784.

Met according to adjournment.

A BILL intituled, "An act for regulating the choice and services of petit jurors." Read the second time, and Tuesday next, 3 o'clock P. M. assigned for the third reading of the same.

The member from *Harvard* had leave of absence.

The Hon. Mr. *Fuller* brought down the following order of Senate of yesterday, viz. That *Tristram Dalton*, Esq; with such as the Hon. House may join, be a committee to enquire whether the government of *Nova-Scotia* has passed a law prohibiting the importation into that province of any provisions from this or any of the United States of *America*, in any vessels, save in such as are owned by British subjects; and report.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred, and Mr. *Rowe*, and Mr. *Phillips*, were joined.

Also, A petition from *Timothy Childs*, agent on the estate of *Francis Waldo*, Esq; an absentee, praying for the balance due to him on settlement of his accounts, &c. and a resolve of Senate of yesterday, granting the prayer thereof.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

An answer of *William White* to the petition of *Phillips White*. Read and committed to the committee on said petition.

Sent up for concurrence.

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The committee on the petition of *Peter Castaing*, and *William Eyssandeau*, reported an order directing the Treasurer to pay them one hundred eighty-eight pounds, two shillings and six-pence each, on account of four notes therein mentioned, said notes to be delivered up. Read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

A petition from certain inhabitants of *Newton*, stating that Mr. *Thomas Parker*, returned as a member from said town, was not duly elected, and praying that he might not be permitted to hold his seat in the House. Read and committed to Mr. *Clarke*, Mr. *Thatcher*, of *Gorham*, and Mr. *Ely*.

A resolve on the petition of *Oliver Wood*, agreeably to the order of the two Houses yesterday. Read and passed. Sent up for concurrence.

The Hon. Mr. *Bailies* brought down a bill intituled, "An act against duelling." In Senate, June 5, 1784. Read the second time, and passed to be engrossed. Sent down for concurrence.

The House again took up the report of the committee on the recommendation of Congress, relative to an alteration in the 8th article of the confederation, and having debated the same, Mr. *Swan*, Mr. *Bacon*, Mr. *Hosmer*, Mr. *Brown*, of *Framingham*, and Mr. *Breck*, were appointed a committee to examine the subject of said report for the further information of the House.

A bill intituled, "An act regulating bail in civil actions." Read the second time, and Tuesday next, 10 o'clock, A. M. assigned for the third reading thereof.

The committee on the petition of *Daniel Descombe*, reported verbally, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition. Report accepted, and ordered accordingly.

A bill intituled. "An act regulating the appointment and services of grand jurors." Read the first time, and Tuesday, 11 o'clock, A. M. assigned for the second reading thereof.

On motion, Ordered, That Mr. *Osgood*, Mr. *King*, and Mr. *Breck*, be a committee to bring in a resolve for expressing the favourable sense which the General Court entertain of the services of Captains *Peter Castaing*, and *William Eyssandeau*, in the *American* army.

The committee of the first parish in *Cambridge*, agreeably to leave given them, laid before the House a bill intituled, "An act for enabling the first precinct belonging to and lying within the town of *Cambridge*, to raise money for discharging the debt incurred in carrying on the late war, and for confirming the grants and assessments already made for that purpose." Which bill was read the first time, and Tuesday next, 11 o'clock, A. M. assigned for the second reading thereof.

The Hon. Mr. *Bridge* brought down a bill intituled, "An act for taking affidavits out of Court." In Senate, June 5, 1784. Read the second time, and passed to be engrossed. Sent down for concurrence.

Also, The report of the committee of both Houses, on the letter of the Hon. *George Partridge*, Esq; of the 19th ult. and its enclosures, being a bill intituled, "An act vesting certain powers in Congress," In Senate, June 5, 1784. Read the second time, and passed to be engrossed, with amendments. Sent down for concurrence.

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The Hon. Mr. *Fuller* brought down a report of the committee of both Houses on the representation of *Samuel Henshaw*, Esq; and the additional impost bill, being by way of a bill, intituled, "An act in addition to, and for the explanation of an act intituled, An act laying duties of impost and excise on certain goods, wares, and merchandize therein described, and for repealing the several laws heretofore made for that purpose." *In Senate, June 5, 1784.* Read and sent down.

Read the first time, and Tuesday next, 4 o'clock, P. M. assigned for the second reading thereof.

The member from *Cobasset* had leave of absence.

The Hon. Mr. *Wells* brought down the report of the committee for examining claims, &c. in the county of *Lincoln*, on the petition of *James Avery*, in behalf of certain proprietors of *Magbias*, that the petitioners have leave to bring in a bill for confirmation of their grant, and incorporating the same into a town. *In Senate, June 5, 1784.* Read and accepted, and the petitioners have leave to bring in a bill accordingly.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

The members from *Dighton*, *Watertown*, and *Swansey*, had leave of absence.

The committee on the petition of *John Bacon*, Esq; in behalf of the town of *Stockbridge*, reported a resolve granting the prayer thereof. Read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Ordered, That Mr. *Dawes*, Mr. *Clark*, and Mr. *Davis*, be a committee to consider of the proper mode of settling the accounts of such agents and committees on absentees estates, as may appear for that purpose; and report.

A petition from *Warwick*, and other towns in the counties of *Worcester* and *Hampshire*, by their committees, praying to be erected into a separate county. Read and committed to the committee of both Houses, appointed the 3d inst. on the petitions of *Dedham*, and other towns.

Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned to Monday morning, ten o'clock.

M O N D A Y, June 7, 1784.

Met according to adjournment.

AN account from *Justus Dwight*, as guardian of *Agnis Thompson*, a State pauper, for supplies afforded her. Read and committed to Mr. *Sargeant*, Mr. *Spear*, and Mr. *Chandler*.

The petition of the selectmen of *Springfield* was again read, and committed to Mr. *Robbins*, Mr. *Parker*, and Mr. *Vinal*.

A petition from *Elisha Frizel*, a wounded soldier, praying for a pension. Read and committed to the committee on pensions.

A petition from *William Williams*, praying for the payment of an account annexed. Read and committed to Mr. *Dawes*, Mr. *Bancroft*, and Mr. *Curtis*.

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The Secretary brought down from his Excellency the Governor a letter from *Robert Morris*, Esq; dated 26th *May*, 1784. Read and committed to Mr. *Dane*, and Mr. *Sargeant*, with such as the Hon. Senate might join.

Sent up for concurrence.

The petition of *Bradduck Hoar* was again read, and committed to Mr. *Sargeant*, and Mr. *Bancroft*, with such as the Hon. Senate might join.

Sent up for concurrence.

A bill intituled, "An act against duelling." Read the first time, and Tuesday, 10 o'clock, A. M. assigned for the second reading thereof.

A bill intituled, "An act vesting certain powers in Congress." Read the first time, and Tuesday, 10 o'clock, A. M. assigned for the second reading of the same.

The Committee on the petition of *Jonathan Bradshaw*, reported a resolve empowering the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court to receive his complaint against *Nathaniel Prentiss*, at their next session in *Middlesex*, the same being omitted to be entered at their last session there, notwithstanding. Read and passed.

Sent up for concurrence.

A petition from *Jason Fobes*, as head of the seventh class in *Bridgewater*, praying that a fine laid on them for not raising a soldier for the army might be remitted, for reasons mentioned. Read, and thereupon Ordered, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

A petition from *Thomas Seaver*, stating that his wages as a soldier had been paid by the Treasurer to a forged order, and praying to be relieved. Read and committed to Mr. *Kingsey*, Mr. *Hubbard*, and Mr. *Skinner*.

A bill, intituled, "An act for taking affidavits out of Court." Read the first time, and Tuesday, 11 o'clock, assigned for the second reading thereof.

A petition from *Henry Lee*, praying to be set off from the second to the first parish in *Amherst*. Read and committed to Mr. *Carnes*, Mr. *Smith*, and Mr. *Brown*, of *Framingham*.

A petition from *Lemuel Moody*, praying to be set off in the same manner. Read and committed to the same committee.

A petition from the inhabitants of *Pearsontown*, praying that the public taxes laid on them might be remitted, for reasons therein mentioned. Read and committed to Mr. *Reed* and Mr. *Junkins*, with such as the Hon. Senate might join,

Sent up for concurrence.

A petition from *Christopher Gore*, as attorney to *Alexander Champion*, stating, that he had a claim against the estate of *Thomas Leverett*, deceased, which he was precluded from laying before the commissioners appointed to examine the claims against said estate, by absence, and praying that a new commission might be opened for examining the same. Read and committed to Mr. *Robbins*, Mr. *Ashley*, and Mr. *Jenkins*.

Two similar petitions in behalf of said *Champion*, and others. Read and committed to the same committee.

On motion, Ordered, That the papers of the file received from the Hon. *James Bowdoin*, Esq; one of the committee for revising the laws of this Commonwealth, by the late House of Representatives, and not taken up by either House, be returned to Mr. *Bowdoin*, in order that he may select such of them as may be necessary to enable the said committee to proceed

ceed in the business of their appointment, he returning to the House such bills as have been finished by the revising committee.

Sent up for concurrence.

Ordered, That Mr. *Sullivan*, and Mr. *Osgood*, with such as the Hon. Senate may join, be a committee to take into consideration, that part of the treaty of peace which provides for the payment of debts due from the citizens of either of the nations parties to said treaty, to those of the other of them; and report.

Sent up for concurrence.

Ordered, That Mr. *Sullivan*, Mr. *King*, and Mr. *Osgood*, be a committee to report a bill empowering the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court to grant new trials in necessary cases.

Adjourned to three o'clock, P. M.

Afternoon.

Met according to adjournment.

A REPRESENTATION from the Commissary of Pensioners, in behalf of *Solomon Parsons*, jun. a wounded soldier. Read and committed to the committee on pensions.

The Hon. Mr. *Freeman* brought down a report of the committee, on the representation of *J. Allan* being an opinion, that as it appears to have been the intention of the Indians, that the belt of *Wampum*, mentioned in the said letter, should be presented to Congress by their Superintendent, it is not expedient for the General Court to take any further order thereon. *In Senate*, June 5, 1784. Read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

A memorial from *J. Allan*, late Superintendent of Indian affairs in the eastern department, praying for a settlement of his accounts, &c. Read and thereupon *Ordered*, That Mr. *Varnum*, and Mr. *Hill*, with such as the Hon. Senate might join, be a committee to consider the said petition; and report.

Sent up for concurrence.

Another memorial from the said *Allan*, soliciting a grant of lands for himself and others, late in the said department. Read and committed to the same committee.

Sent up for concurrence.

A memorial from the fourth precinct in *Dedham*, by their agents, praying to be erected into a separate town. Read and committed to Mr. *Perry*, Mr. *Hopkins*, and Mr. *Turner*.

A petition from *Isaac Winslow*, an absentee, praying to be naturalized. Read and ordered to lie.

A petition from the town of *Douglas*, stating certain grievances supposed to exist in the Commonwealth. Read and committed to Mr. *Fessenden*, and others a committee on similar petitions.

A petition from *Daniel Witt*, stating that he had recognized for the appearance of one *Samuel Stearns* at a Court held at *Worcester*, and that the said *Stearns* had absconded, by which means execution had been issued against the petitioner; that he had afterwards apprehended the said *Stearns*,
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and praying the order of this Court on the premises for his relief. Read and committed to Mr. *Hall*, Mr. *King*, and Mr. *Sullivan*.

A petition from the town of *Bowdoinham*, praying to be eased in their taxes. Read and committed to Mr. *Winter*, Mr. *Chamberlain*, of *Holliston*, and Mr. *Hubbard*.

A petition from *John Tudor*, praying allowance for wharfage of a certain ship belonging to the Commonwealth. Read and Ordered, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

The committee on the petition of *Joshua Henshaw*, reported a resolve granting the prayer thereof. Read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned to Tuesday morning, 9 o'clock.

T U E S D A Y, June 8, 1784.

Met according to adjournment.

MR. *THOMPSON* was charged with a message to request the Hon. Senate to send down the petition of the town of *Scarborough*, which the Hon. Mr. *Nichols* brought down accordingly.

Also, The petition of *Nathaniel Wait*. In Senate, June 7, 1784. Read again, and committed to *Ebenezer Bridge*, Esq; with such as the House might join.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred, and Mr. *Mitchel*, and Mr. *Jones*, were joined.

The member from *Pembroke* had leave of absence.

A petition from the town of *Sutton*, stating that they were unequally taxed, and praying for relief. Read and committed to Mr. *Morse*, Mr. *Stebbins*, and Mr. *Hosmer*.

A petition from *Pelatiab Warren*, and others, praying for a grant of land in the county of *Cumberland*. Read and committed to Mr. *Hooper*, Mr. *Blagden*, and Mr. *Hubbard*.

A petition from *Oliver Witt*, stating that he was jointly bound with *Daniel Witt* for the appearance of *Samuel Stearns* at Court, and that his recognizance was forfeited, as mentioned in the petition of said *Daniel Witt*, entered yesterday, and praying the aid of this Court. Read and committed to the committee on said *Daniel Witts* petition.

The petition of the selectmen of *Westminster* was read and committed to Mr. *Fessenden*, Mr. *Stone*, and Mr. *Wilder*.

The committee appointed to consider proper means to be taken for repairing the light-house in *Plimouth* harbour, reported a resolve for directing the Treasurer to pay *William Drew*, Esq; one hundred and twenty pounds, out of the light money, for that purpose. Read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

A petition from *David Nye*, praying to be empowered to enter an appeal at the Supreme Judicial Court from a judgment therein mentioned, the time by law allowed having elapsed notwithstanding. Read and committed to Mr. *Ely*, and Mr. *Shurtliff*, with such as the Hon. Senate might join.

Sent up for concurrence.

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A message was sent to the Hon. Senate, to request them to send down the petition of the town of *Rocheſter*; which was brought down accordingly.

The Hon. Mr. *Heatb* brought down a letter from the Hon. *James Bowdoin*, Eſq; dated the 5th inſt. in answer to the order of Court, for enquiring what progreſs the committee for reviſing the laws had made in the buſineſs of their appointment. *In Senate, June 8, 1784.* Read and ſent down.

Read and ſent up.

Alſo, Another letter from the ſame gentleman of the ſame date, reſigning his appointment as-one of ſaid committee. *In Senate, June 8, 1784.* Read and ordered to lie.

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Alſo, A bill intitled, “An act preſcribing forms of writs in civil cauſes, and directing the mode of proceeding therein.” *In Senate, June 8, 1784.* Read the ſecond time, and paſſed to be engroſſed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Hon. Mr. *Warner* brought down a report of the committee of both Houſes, on the representation of the committee for ſtating and methodizing public accounts of the 1ſt inſtant, by way of an order, that the ſaid committee take poſſeſſion of and for the future tranſact the buſineſs of their office in the eaſt lobby in the State Houſe. *In Senate, June 8, 1784.* Read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and ordered to lie.

Alſo, A petition from *John White*, praying for allowance and payment of an account annexed. *In Senate.* Read and committed to *Beriah Norton*, Eſq; with ſuch as the Houſe might join.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

The Hon. Mr. *Norton* brought down the petition of *James Bowdoin*, and *James Bowdoin, jun.* Eſq's. and the answer of the town of *Chilmark* thereto. *In Senate, June 8, 1784.* Read again, with the answer thereto, and committed to *Jofiah Stone*, and *Triſiram Dalton*, Eſq's. with ſuch as the Houſe might join.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred, and Mr. *Ball*, Mr. *Clagban*, and Mr. *Sargeant*, were joined.

Ordered, That Mr. *Swan*, Mr. *Chamberlain*, and Mr. *Ely*, be a committee to conſider the expediency of taking a new valuation of the ſeveral towns in this State; and report.

The committee on the petition of *William Williams* reported a reſolve allowing him four pounds twelve ſhillings, in full of his account. Read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

The Houſe proceeded to conſider the report of the committee appointed to conſider the ſums neceſſary to be raiſed for defraying the expences of government the preſent year, and it was *Voted*, That the following ſums be raiſed for the following purpoſes: *viz.*

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Governors of the university,	-	-	1000 0 0
Members of Congress,	-	-	2000 0 0
Treasurer's office, for his salary, clerks, committee for methodizing accounts, and other committees for settling the Treasurer's accounts,			} 2000
Judges of the Supreme Court,	-		1500 0 0
Secretary's office,			900 0 0
Commissary General's office,	-	-	1000 0 0
Militia rolls yet to be passed upon, and the costs of forts, garrisons, &c.			} 3000 0 0
Incidental charges, the poor of <i>Charlestown</i> , and other paupers, exprestes, and repairs of public buildings,			} 10,000 0 0
Consolidated notes, given the officers and soldiers, for their pay, for the year 1780, payable, 1784,			} 90,000 0 0
payable, 1785,			90,000 0 0
Interest on notes, for the year 1784,			90,000 0 0
Warrants drawn on the treasury not yet provided for,			21,600 0 0

The House then proceeded to consider of ways and means for raising the said sums, and the following were agreed to, *viz.*

By the tax issued by the Treasurer, not paid in,	£. 37,000.
By impost and excise,	40,000
By loan of soldiers notes, payable in the years 1784, 5 and 6,	100,000

A question was then made, whether a tax should be issued upon the polls and estates of the inhabitants of this Commonwealth for the sum of 150,000*l.* and the same being put it passed in the negative.

The further consideration of ways and means was then postponed, and the House

Adjourned to 3 o'clock P. M.

Afternoon.

Met according to adjournment.

THE petition of *Nathaniel Upham*, praying for the establishment of the will of *Ezekiel Upham*, and the answer of the other heirs of said *Ezekiel*, giving their consent thereto. Read and committed to Mr. *Sargeant*, Mr. *Newell*, and Mr. *Clarke*.

A petition from *Jonathan Nuttin*, and others, inhabitants of the lower town of *St. Georges*, praying to be set off to the town of *Warren*. Read and committed to Mr. *Manning*, Mr. *Carnes*, and Mr. *Hill*.

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A petition from *Hannah Thomas*, praying that a barrack standing on her land might be given her, in compensation for the damage done there by the garrison. Read and committed to Mr. *Washburn*, Mr. *Dwight*, and Mr. *Endicot*.

A petition from *Moses Knap*, praying to receive a note from the Commonwealth for a sum of old paper money in his hands, which he received for public service. Read and committed to Mr. *Cushing*, Mr. *Lee*, and Mr. *Putnam*.

A bill intituled, "An act in addition to and for explanation of an act intituled, an act laying duties of impost and excise on certain goods, wares, and merchandize therein described, and for repealing the several laws heretofore made for that purpose," was taken up and read the second time in part, and after debate, the further consideration of said bill was referred to the morning.

A petition from *John Tracy*, stating that he had expended large sums of money in equipping a certain brigantine which was employed in the public service at *Penobscot*, and praying to be reimbursed. Read and committed to Mr. *Breck*, and Mr. *Hosmer*, with such as the Hon. Senate might join.

Sent up for concurrence.

A petition from *Benjamin Goldthwait*, stating that he had hired an house of government by lease, supposed to be the property of *John Troutbeck*, an absentee, of which he was dispossessed by the administrator on the estate of *John Gould*, deceased; and praying the advisement and assistance of government in the premises. Read and committed to Mr. *Dawes*, Mr. *Brown*, of *Framingham*, and Mr. *Rowe*.

A petition from *Mary Freeman*, stating that her house had been mortgaged to *John Borland*, Esq; during the war, and that the debt both principal and interest was demanded by his heirs, and praying that the interest on said debt during the war might not be allowed, on account of her sufferings thereby. Read and committed to Mr. *Hosmer*, Mr. *Pessenden*, and Mr. *Brown*, of *Framingham*.

Adjourned to Wednesday morning, 9 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, June 9, 1784.

Met according to adjournment.

APETITION from *Ebenezer Wait*, praying to be allowed his account for supporting the wife of *Samuel Frothingham*, a pauper of the town of *Charlestown*. Read and committed to Mr. *Thatcher*, Mr. *Mitchel* and Mr. *Varnum*.

A petition from *Adam Porter*, praying that a deed executed by *Timothy Mower* to him, but not acknowledged, might be confirmed. Read and committed to Mr. *Bullard*, Mr. *Nye* and Mr. *Manning*.

A petition from *Thomas Harrington*, stating that he had sold a number of carriages for cannon, to the late Board of war, for which he received

received payment in Treasurer's notes, and by that means sunk great part of his interest, and praying for such allowance as might be reasonable. Read and committed to Mr. *Shurtliff*, Mr. *Frye* and Mr. *White*.

A petition from *Solomon Tayer* and *Solomon Blanchard*, soldiers in the five months service, stating that through accident they had not been made up in the rolls of their company, and so had not received their wages, and praying that the same might be paid them. Read and committed to Mr. *Sargeant*, Mr. *Shurtliff* and Mr. *Mitchel*.

The committee on the memorial of the fourth precinct in *Dedham*, praying to be erected into a separate town, reported verbally, that the petitioners have leave to bring in a bill for the purpose of their petition. Report accepted, and ordered, that the petitioners have leave to bring in a bill accordingly.

The committee on the petition of the town of *Long-meadow*, made a similar report, and a similar order passed thereon.

The Hon. Mr. *Dalton* brought down the resolve of the House of the 5th inst. on the petition of *Capt. Peter Castaing* and *William Eyffandeau*.

In Senate June 9, 1784. Read and concurred, as taken into a new draft.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

Also the report of the committee appointed to contract for the printing of the resolves and temporary acts of the General Court the present year; being a contract with Messrs. *Adams* and *Nourse* to print six hundred and fifty copies thereof, at one penny per sheet. In Senate, June 9th, 1784. Read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

The Hon. Mr. *Nichols* brought down a report of the committee of both Houses, on the letter of Mr. *Morris*, dated 26th of May last "That the recommendations of Congress therein referred to, have by an act passed the 12th of March, 1783, been complied with by this Commonwealth, and that the subject matter of said letter and extract accompanying is thereby fully answered." In Senate June 9th, 1784. Read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

The Hon. Mr. *Norton* brought down the petition of the inhabitants of *Machias*, and the following order of Senate thereon, viz. In Senate, June 9th, 1784. Read and thereupon ordered, that *Cotton Tufts* and *Nathaniel Wells*, Esqrs. with such as the Hon. House shall join, be a committee to consider this petition and the papers accompanying the same, and report what may be proper to be done thereon.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred, and Mr. *King*, Mr. *Hill* and Mr. *Robbins* were joined.

Also a report of the committee of both Houses on a number of the inhabitants of *Pearson-Town*, "that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition." In Senate June 9th, 1784. Read and accepted, and thereupon

thereupon *Ordered*, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition accordingly.

Sent up for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

The House proceeded in the second reading of the bill intituled, "An act, in addition to and for explanation of an act, intituled, An act laying duties of impost and excise, on certain goods, wares and merchandize therein described, and for repealing the several laws heretofore made for that purpose;" which being finished, Wednesday next, 10 o'clock, A. M. was assigned for the third reading thereof. The said bill was then committed to Mr. King, Mr. Davis of Boston and Mr. Dane, to consider in the mean time.

The House assigned Friday next at 10 o'clock, A. M. for considering the report of the committee on the recommendations of Congress relative to the 8th article of confederation.

The answer of the selectmen of *Newton* to the petition of a number of the inhabitants thereof relative to the election of the member returned therefrom, was read and committed to the committee on said petition.

Adjourned to three o'clock, P. M.

Afternoon.

Met according to adjournment.

THE petition of *Nathaniel Leonard* was read again, and committed to Mr. Sargeant, Mr. Cushing and Mr. Stone.

A resolve approving of the conduct of Capt. *Castaing* and Capt. *Eysfandean* while in the *Massachusetts* line of the army, and requesting his Excellency the Governor to certify the same under the seal of the Commonwealth, was reported by the committee appointed to bring in such a resolve. Read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

The committee on the petition of *Nathaniel Upham*, reported a resolve for establishing the will therein mentioned. Read and accepted.

A bill, intituled "An act for enabling the first precinct belonging to, and lying within the town of *Cambridge*, to raise money for discharging the debts incurred in carrying on the late war, and for confirming the grants and assessments that have been already made for that purpose." Read the second time, and Thursday next 10 o'clock, A. M. assigned for the third reading thereof.

The House proceeded to consider of ways and means for raising the monies necessary to defray the expences of government the present year, and a motion was made and seconded that the vote passed yesterday in the negative on the question whether a tax should be issued on the polls and estates of the inhabitants of this Commonwealth for £150 000, be reconsidered. And the question being put it passed in the negative.

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A bill, intituled "An act vesting certain powers in Congress." Read the second time, and Thursday ten o'clock, A. M. assigned for the third reading thereof.

The committee on the petition of certain inhabitants of *Newton*, respecting the election of Mr. *Thomas Parker*, reported it as their opinion, "That the election of Mr. *Thomas Parker*, to represent said town of *Newton*, was illegal, and that his seat ought to be vacated." Which report being debated, the question was put whether the same should be accepted by the House; and it passed in the negative, and it was thereupon Ordered, That the petitioners aforesaid, have leave to withdraw their petition.

Adjourned to Thursday morning, nine o'clock.

T H U R S D A Y, June 10, 1784.

Met according to adjournment.

MEMBERS from *Flympton* and *Salisbury*, had leave of absence.

The committee on the petition of the selectmen of *Western*, reported verbally, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition. Report accepted, and ordered accordingly.

A petition from *Moses Smith*, praying to be reimbursed for certain losses sustained at the battle of *Trenton*. Read and committed to Mr. *Osgood*, Mr. *Varnum* and Mr. *Manning*.

A petition from the town of *Douglas*, praying for the remission of the fine laid on them for neglecting to send a representative in the year 1782. Read and committed to Mr. *White* of *Haverhill*, Mr. *Putnam* and Mr. *Thayer*.

The inhabitants of the fourth precinct in *Dedham*, agreeably to leave given, brought in a bill intituled "An act for erecting a town within the county of *Suffolk*, by the name of——," which bill was read the first time and Friday three o'clock, P. M. assigned for the second reading thereof.

Ordered, That Mr. *King*, Mr. *Dane*, and Mr. *Davis* of *Boston*, be a committee to bring in a bill for limiting the time of exhibiting demands for articles delivered or services performed for the Commonwealth.

The Hon. Mr. *Choate* brought down a representation from the committee appointed by resolve of 18th *March* last to dispose of certain unappropriated lands in the county of *York*, requesting the direction of the Court as to the mode of executing the business of their commission. In Senate, June 9th, 1784. Read and Ordered, That *Seth Washburn* and *Jonathan Warner*, Esqrs; with such as the House might join, be a committee to consider this memorial and the petitions of the settlers of a certain gore of land adjacent to the town of *Sanford*, and report what may be proper to be done thereon.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred, and Mr. *Brown* of *Framingham*, Mr. *Hosmer* and Mr. *Ingersol* were joined.

The committee on the petition of *Ebenezer Wait*, reported a resolve for paying him fifty three pounds eleven shillings, in full for supporting *Susanna Frothingham* a pauper, to August 28, 1782. Read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

A petition from *Judah Williams*, late a purchasing commissary of supplies for the army, stating, that he was in danger of being ruined by the demands of public creditors against him, and praying either to be indemnified against such demands, or to receive the monies due to him from the Commonwealth, to enable him to pay the same. Read and committed to Mr. Mitchel, Mr. Frye, and Mr. Jones, to be taken up at large.

The committee on the petition of *Moses Smith* reported verbally, that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition. Report accepted and ordered accordingly.

A petition from *Richard Gridley* stating that payment was demanded of him for an horse which was lost while under his care in the public service, and praying to be indemnified. Read and thereupon Ordered, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

The House reconsidered their vote passed yesterday on the petition of *Nathaniel Upham*. And ordered the same to lie,

A bill intituled "An act in addition to and for explanation of an act intituled an act laying duties of impost and excise on certain goods, wares, and merchandize therein described, and for repealing the several laws, heretofore made for that purpose," Read the second time, and Friday 3 o'clock, P. M. assigned for the third reading thereof.

Ordered, That Mr. Hooper and Mr. Hubbard, with such as the Hon. Senate may join, be a committee to consider the petition of *William Cooke*, and report what may be proper to be done thereon.

Sent up for concurrence.

A petition from a number of the freeholders of the town of *Kittery*, praying that *Joshua Hubbard* returned as a representative from said town might not be permitted to hold his seat in the House, on account of inimical conduct during the war. Read and committed to Mr. Robbins, Mr. Hooper and Mr. Thatcher of Gorham.

The committee appointed to consider the expediency of taking a new valuation of the several towns in this Commonwealth, reported, "That it is highly expedient in order to render equal justice in levying taxes on the polls and estates of the inhabitants of this Commonwealth, that a new valuation be taken as soon as may be." Which report was read and accepted, and the House proceeded to consider a schelude containing the different articles to be returned to form a valuation by. Which being read and debated upon, was committed to Mr. Varnum, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Greenwood, Mr. West and Mr. Coffin.

A petition from *Thomas Robinson*, late an inhabitant of *Canada*, praying to be naturalized. Read and committed to Mr. Breck, Mr. Fessenden and Mr. Sullivan.

Adjourned to 3 o'clock P. M.

Afternoon

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Met according to adjournment.

THE committee on the petition of *Jonathan Nuttin*, and other inhabitants of a place called the lower town of *St Georges*, praying to be incorporated into a town, reported that the petitioners have leave to bring in a bill for the purpose of their petition. Report accepted and *Ordered*, That the petitioners have leave to bring in a bill accordingly.

A petition from *Ebud Hopkins*, in behalf of the town of *Alford*, praying that the fine laid on them for neglecting to raise a soldier for the army might be remitted, for reasons mentioned. Read and committed to Mr. *Skinner*, Mr. *Parker* and Mr. *Stone*,

A petition from *William Thompson*, in behalf of the town of *Scarborough*, praying, that a fine laid on said town for not sending a representative to the General Court for the year 1782, might be remitted. Read and committed to Mr. *King*, Mr. *Hopkins* and Mr. *Hobart*.

A petition from a number of masters of coasting vessels, praying to receive permits from the excise masters to sell rum in less quantities than twenty-five gallons. Read and thereupon *Ordered*, That the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition.

A bill intitled "An act prescribing forms of writs in civil causes, and directing the mode of proceeding therein. Read the second time, and Friday 4 o'clock, P. M. assigned for the third reading thereof.

The House assigned Friday 3 o'clock P. M. for considering the report of the committee appointed to consider the sums necessary to be granted to the Governors of the university at *Cambridge*.

A bill intitled "An act for establishing naval offices in this Commonwealth." Read the third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

A bill intitled "An act for regulating the fees and forms in the naval offices within this Commonwealth." Read the third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

A bill intitled "An act to prevent cruelty to brute creatures." Read the third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

The committee on the petition of sundry freeholders of *Kittery*, relative to the conduct of *Joshua Hubbard*, returned as a representative from said town, reported, "That there was not sufficient evidence to support the facts set forth in said petition, and that if the facts set forth therein were supported, there would not therefrom arise sufficient cause to render the said *Hubbard* ineligible as a representative, or justify this House in excluding him from his seat." Read and thereupon *Ordered*, That the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition.

A bill intitled "An act for enabling the first precinct belonging to, and lying within the town of *Cambridge*, to raise money for discharging the debts

debts incurred in carrying on the late war, and for confirming the grants and assessments that have been already made for that purpose." Read the third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

A bill, intituled "An act for the distribution of insolvent estates." Read the third time and passed a concurrence to be engrossed.

A bill, intituled "An act vesting certain powers in Congress." Read the third time and passed a concurrence to be engrossed.

A bill intituled "An act for taking affidavits out of Court." Read the second time, and Friday next 11 o'clock, A. M. assigned for the third reading thereof.

A petition from *Asabel Wyman*, and *Eliphaz Wyman*, children of *Mary Wyman*, widow, stating, that the annual interest of the proceeds of the said *Mary's* dower in her husband's estate was unequal to her support, and praying that the principal might be applied for that purpose. Read and committed to Mr. *Brown*, of *Lexington*, Mr. *Wyman* and Mr. *Farmer*.

The committee on the petition of *Adam Porter*, reported verbally, "That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition." Report accepted, and Ordered, that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition accordingly.

Adjourn'd to 9 o'clock, Friday Morning.

F R I D A Y, June 11, 1784.

THE committee on the petition of *Pelatiab Warren* and others, reported a resolve for appointing a committee to ascertain the quantity and value of the land prayed for, in order that the same might be granted to the petitioners. Read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

The committee on the petition of the town of *Sterling*, by their committee, reported an order for notifying the adverse party to shew cause, &c. on the second Tuesday of the next session of the General Court. Read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

The committee on the petition of *Eliphaz Stearns*, in behalf of the town of *Douglas*, reported a resolve allowing them ten pounds, in part abatement of the fine laid on them. Read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

The committee on the petition of *Hannah Thomas*, reported a resolve for giving her the barrack prayed for in her petition. Read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

The committee on the petition of *Patrick Neet*, reported a resolve granting the prayer thereof. Read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

A petition from *Moses Church* praying, that a new trial might be granted, in a case between him and *Festus Colton*, and others. Read and committed to Mr. *Dane*, Mr. *Osgood* and Mr. *Alexander Coffin*.

A bill, intituled "An act regulating bail in civil actions." Read the third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

A petition from *Joseph Dajer*, a soldier, stating that he had not received the bounty allowed to soldiers who served during the war, to which he was intitled, and praying that the same might be paid him. Read and committed to Mr. *Bancroft*, Mr. *Newell* and Mr. *Noyes*.

A petition from *Bildad Fowler*, stating that an action brought by him against *Matthew Noble*, as executor, had been discontinued by the breaking out of the war, and praying that the same might be revived, or he otherwise relieved. Read and committed to Mr. *Hubbard*, Mr. *Ely*, and Mr. *Davis* of *Charlton*.

The Hon. Mr. *Stone* brought down an order of Senate of this day, as follows, viz. "That *Israel Nichols* and *Cotton Tufts*, Esqrs; with such as the Hon. House shall join, be a committee to take into consideration and report what further measures are proper to be taken relative to the British encroachments on the eastern territory of this Commonwealth.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred, and Mr. *Hofmer*, Mr. *Breck* and Mr. *Coffin* were joined.

Mr. *Robbins* was charged with a message to the Hon. Senate, to inform them that the House proposed coming to the choice of six Delegates to represent this Commonwealth in Congress the ensuing year, on Wednesday next at 11 o'clock, A. M. The Hon. Mr. *Turner* came down and said that the Senate agreed to the proposal as to the time, provided an establishment of the pay of the Delegates should be fixed before that time; but that the Senate proposed chusing only five Delegates in the room of six; and likewise brought down the following order of Senate, viz. In Senate June 11th, 1784. Ordered, That *Charles Turner* and *Tristram Dalton*, Esqrs; with such as the Hon. House shall join, be a committee to consider of and report an establishment for the Delegates who shall be chosen in future to represent this Commonwealth in Congress.

Sent down for concurrence.

The question was then debated, whether the House would agree with the proposal of the Hon. Senate in chusing only five Delegates, and the same being put passed in the affirmative. The above order was then concurred, and Mr. *Bacon*, Mr. *Dawes* and Mr. *Vans* were joined to the committee.

Mr. *Davis* was then charged with a message to acquaint the Hon. Senate that the House agreed to the number of Delegates proposed.

The committee appointed to consider the proper mode of settling the accounts of such agents, &c. on absentees estates as might appear for that purpose, reported a resolve directing the committee for stating public accounts to proceed in that business, &c. Read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

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The committee on the petition of *Thomas Porter*, reported a resolve; directing the Treasurer to discharge the town of *Topsfield*, of the sum of £. 128, the said *Porter* paying £. 85. 13s.

Read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

The Hon. Mr. *Fuller* brought down a report of the committee of both Houses, on the petition of *James Bowdoin* and *James Bowdoin, jun. Esq's.* "That the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition." In Senate, June 11, 1784. Read and accepted, and thereupon Ordered, That the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition accordingly.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

A petition from *Micah Loomis*, stating that he was indebted to the Commonwealth, in a sum of money by his note of hand, and that he had in his possession a note of the Treasurer, and praying that they might be exchanged. Read and committed to Mr. *Skinner*, Mr. *Rounseville* and Mr. *Hill*.

A bill, intituled "An act in addition to an act, passed the twenty-second day of *October*, in the year of our LORD, *seventeen hundred and eighty-three*, entitled, "An act making provision for the support of light houses on the sea coast of this Commonwealth." Read the first time, and Saturday 10 o'clock, A. M. assigned for the second reading thereof.

A petition from *Sarah Dana*, guardian of *Orlando Dana* and other minors, who were residuary legatees of the estate of *Caleb Dana*, stating that *George Dana*, executor of the said *Caleb's* will, had obtained permission to sell his real estate for payment of debts, and praying that he might not be permitted to proceed in such sale, till he should give bond with sufficient surety for the faithful appropriation of the monies raised thereby. Read and committed to Mr. *Robbins*, Mr. *Thatcher* of Cambridge, and Mr. *Coit*.

The House proceeded again to consider the report of the committee on the recommendation of Congress, respecting the alteration of the 8th article of the confederation, and the vote of the Hon. Senate, of the 2d of *June* accepting the same, and after debate, the said vote was non-concurred, and it was then Ordered, That Mr. *Dane*, Mr. *Bacon*, and Mr. *Varnum*, be a committee to consider the resolve of Congress of the 17th of *February*, 1783, relative to the said article, and report what measures may be necessary to be taken thereon.

The Hon. Mr. *Wells* brought down a bill, intituled, "An act for confirming a grant of a certain tract of land called *Machias*, in the county of *Lincoln*, and for incorporating the said tract of land, and the inhabitants thereof, into a town by the name of *Machias*. In Senate, June 11, 1784. Read the second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Adjourned to three o'clock, P. M.

Afternoon.

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Met according to adjournment.

A PETITION from *Ebenezer Clap* and others, soldiers in the five months service, stating that *Capt. Howell* had drawn their pay due from the Commonwealth, and converted the same to his own use, and had withdrawn himself, and praying to be relieved. Read and committed to Mr. *Sargeant*, Mr. *Ghandler* and Mr. *Cushing*.

A petition from the Rev. *Charles Chauncey* and others, owners of *Noddle's* island, in *Boston* harbour, stating that said island had been greatly damaged by the troops stationed there, and praying for some compensation. Read and committed to Mr. *Sargeant*, Mr. *Thayer* and Mr. *Bacon*.

A similar petition from *Daniel Southey*, and others, proprietors of lands in the town of *Hull*. Read and committed to the same committee.

The Hon. Mr. *Stone* brought down a resolve of Senate of this day, appointing *Charles Turner* and *Seth Washburn*, Esqrs; with such as the House might join, a committee to examine and pass on public accounts. Sent down for concurrence.

The House proceeded to consider the schedule of articles to be returned in order to form a valuation of the several towns in this Commonwealth, and having passed upon the same it was Ordered, That a bill be brought in for obtaining a valuation of the several towns in this Commonwealth on the principles of the foregoing schedule.

Sent up for concurrence.

An engross'd bill, intituled "An act for the distribution of insolvent estates." This bill having had three several readings, passed to be enacted.

An engross'd bill, intituled "An act vesting certain powers in Congress." This bill having had three several readings, passed to be enacted.

The committee on the petition of *William Thompson*, in behalf of the town of *Scarborough*, reported a resolve abating them £.37. 3s. 4d. the fine set on them for not sending a representative for the year 1782. Read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

The committee on the petition of *Asabel Wyman* and *Eliphaz Wyman*, reported a resolve granting the prayer thereof.

Read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

The House took up the report of the committee appointed to consider the necessary sums to be granted to the Governors of the university at *Cambridge*, and it was Resolved, That there be granted to the Rev. *Joseph Willard*, President of said university, £.105. 13s. 4d. which together with former grants, was in full of his salary to the first day of *January*, 1784.

To the Rev. *Samuel Williams*, one of the professors of said university, £.232. 10s. in full to the same period.

To the Rev. *Edward Wiggleworth*, one of said professors, the sum of £.233. 7s. 8d. in full to the same period.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. *Clarke*, Mr. *Hofmer* and Mr. *King*, were then appointed a committee to consider of a suitable sum to be granted to Mr. *Stephen Sewall*, one of said professors for his services, and report.

Adjourn'd to Saturday morning, 9 o'clock, A. M.

SATURDAY, June 12, 1784.

Met according to adjournment.

MR. *Chamberlain*, of *Holliston*, Mr. *Thompson*, Mr. *Manning*, Mr. *Washburn* and Mr. *King*, of *Newbury-Port*, had leave of absence.

The resolve of Senate of yesterday, appointing a committee on accounts. Read, and 12 o'clock assigned for chusing said committee on the part of the House.

A petition from *Aaron Chamberlain*, praying for a grant of a tract of land, near *Buckland*, in lieu of one granted to his father by the public, of which he was deprived by the running of the line between *New-Hampshire* and *Massachusetts*. Read and committed to Mr. *Sargeant* and Mr. *Osgood*, with such as the Hon. Senate might join.

Sent up for concurrence.

The Hon. Mr. *Bridge* brought down a report of the committee of both Houses on the petition of *Benjamin Convers*, by way of a resolve of Senate.

Sent down for concurrence,

Read and concurred.

Also, a report of the committee on the petition of *William Cooke*, by way of a resolve of Senate, granting the prayer thereof.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

A petition from *Thomas Oxnard*, an absentee, residing in the Commonwealth by permit from the Governor and Council, praying to be naturalized. Read and ordered to lie with petitions of a similar nature.

The committee on the petition of *William Todd* and *Gawen Brown*, reported verbally, that said petition lie for want of evidence. Report accepted and Ordered, That said petition lie accordingly.

The committee on the petition of *Ebenezer Clap* and others, reported verbally, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition, provision having already been made agreeable to the prayer thereof. Report accepted and Ordered, That the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition accordingly.

A bill, intituled "An act for confirming a grant of a certain tract of land called *Machias*, in the county of *Lincoln*, and for incorporating the said tract of land, and the inhabitants thereof into a town by the name of *Machias*." Read the first time, and Tuesday next 11 o'clock, A. M. assigned for the second reading thereof.

The committee on the petition of *Judab Williams*, reported a resolve directing the Treasurer to pay the monies due from the Commonwealth to *Joseph Ruggles*, Esq; by an act passed *May 15, 1781*, and in which the said *Williams* was interested, out of the tax granted in *October, 1781*, or other subsequent taxes. Read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

The committee on the petition of the selectmen of *Ashfield*, reported verbally, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition. Report accepted and Ordered, That the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition accordingly.

A petition from *Edmund Ely*, a soldier in the three months service, stating that his wages had been paid without his order, and praying for relief. Read and committed to Mr. Sargeant, Mr. Varnum and Mr. Wyman.

A petition from the inhabitants of *Orange*, praying that trustees might be incorporated into a society for raising a fund to support a minister there. Read and committed to Mr. Carnes, Mr. Winter and Mr. Brown of *Framingham*.

The answer of several towns assembled by their agents at *Gouldsbrough*, and of certain inhabitants situated on *Union-River*, to the petition of *Marchias*, relative to the establishing of certain courts there. Read and committed to the committee of both Houses on said petition.

Sent up for concurrence.

The House proceeded according to assignment to chuse three members for a committee on accounts, on the part of the House, by ballot; a committee of three being appointed to collect, count and sort the votes, attended that service, and reported, that the whole number of votes were 72; that *Joseph Hosner*, Esq; had 71, Mr. *Joseph Bradley Varnum* 71, and *Ezra Sargeant*, Esq; 58, and were severally chosen. The House then concurred the resolve of Senate appointing a committee on accounts, and the names of said gentlemen were inserted in the said resolve.

A bill, intituled "An act for incorporating a society for receiving and managing such donations as shall be made for the relief of the widows and orphans of deceased clergymen and of others, therein mentioned, was brought in according to leave given for that purpose, and read the first time, and Tuesday 10 o'clock, A. M. assigned for the second reading thereof.

The committee on the petition of the town of *Sterling*, reported a resolve abating them £.19. 8s. 9d. of the fine set on them for not sending a representative. Read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

The Secretary came down and said, that he had directions from his Excellency the Governor to inform the Court, that the express sent with the proceedings relative to the claim of the Commonwealth to lands lying west of *Hudson's river*, to Congress, had returned, and brought a letter from the delegates there, which letter he had laid before the Hon. Senate, with his Excellency's request that they might be communicated to the House.

The Hon. Mr. *Tufts* brought down a report of the committee of both Houses

Houses, on the petition of the inhabitants of *Machias*, that the same be referred to the next Sessions of the General Court, that the parties concerned might have an opportunity of furnishing such further evidence as might be necessary. *In Senate, June 12, 1784.* Read and accepted, and Ordered, That the said petition and papers be referred accordingly.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

A bill intituled "An act providing remedy for bankrupts and their creditors." Read the first time, and Tuesday 3 o'clock, P. M. assigned for the second reading thereof.

The committee on the petition of *Nathaniel Leonard*, reported by way of resolve. Read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

A bill, intituled "An act in addition to, and for the explanation of an act, intituled "An act laying duties of impost and excise on certain goods, wares and merchandize, therein described, and for repealing the several laws heretofore made for that purpose." Read the third time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

The Hon. Mr. *Hastings*, brought down the letter from the delegates at Congress referred to in the Governor's message, this morning, dated June 4, 1784, and inclosures from N.1 to N.21, inclusively, and the following order of Senate thereon, viz. *In Senate, June 12th, 1784. Ordered, That Charles Turner and Tristram Dalton, Esqrs; with such as the Hon. House shall join, be a committee to revise the letter from the delegates of this State in Congress, dated the 4th inst. and the papers accompanying the same, and sort them in such manner as that they may be properly disposed of in committees.*

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred, and Mr. *Robbins*, Mr. *Breck* and Mr. *Osgood* were joined.

A petition from *Mary Coffin*, praying to be empowered to sell real estate belonging to her daughter, a minor. Read and committed to Mr. *Hosmer*, Mr. *Robbins* and Mr. *Breck*.

Adjourn'd to Monday, 10 o'clock A. M.

M O N D A Y, June 14, 1784.

Met according to adjournment.

A Bill, intituled "An act to enable the inhabitants of *Long-meadow*, to lay out and confirm high-ways in said town at any legal meeting before the sixth day of *November*, seventeen hundred and eighty-four" Was reported by leave, and read the first time and Tuesday next 10 o'clock, A. M. assigned for the second reading thereof.

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A petition from the selectmen of *Westminster*, praying that Mess'rs. *Mills* and *Everit*, might be licenced to sell spirituous liquors there. Read and committed to Mr. *Fessenden*, Mr. *Stone* and Mr. *Wilder*.

A petition from the town of *Rochester*, praying leave to pay in the balance due from them on the beef tax, to the treasury in paper currency, for reasons therein stated. Read and committed to Mr. *Clarke*, Mr. *Washburn* and Mr. *Buffit*.

The Hon. Mr. *Orr* brought down a report of the committee of both Houses on the petition of *John Tracy*, by way of resolve, with the following order of Senate thereon, viz. *In Senate, June 12, 1784.* Read and not accepted and thereupon Ordered, That *Thomas Ivers*, Esq; and Mr. *Peter Roe Dalton*, who are appointed to settle the accounts of the late board of war, examine the accounts accompanying this petition and report the balance that may be due thereon.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

A petition from *Benjamin Edes*, praying to receive a sum of money in specie, in lieu of a like sum received in paper currency from the treasury. Read and committed to Mr. *Asbley*, Mr. *Thatcher* of *Cambridge*, and Mr. *Farley*.

A representation from the clerk of the court of General Sessions of the peace in the county of *Dukes-County*, that it was voted that a sum of £.180. was necessary to be raised for defraying the charges thereof. Read and committed to Mr. *West*, Mr. *Coffin*, and Mr. *Greenwood*, to bring in a resolve for empowering the said court to raise the sum aforesaid by a tax.

The committee on the petition of *Sarah Dana*, as guardian of her children, *Orlando Dana* and others, reported a resolve granting the prayer thereof. Read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

A bill, intituled "An act for naturalizing *Thomas Robison*," was brought in by leave, and read the first time, and Tuesday next, 10 o'clock, assigned for the second reading thereof.

A petition from *Joseph Frye*, praying that a tract of land might be confirmed to him, agreeably to a plan exhibited, in lieu of another tract granted by government, which was taken off from this State, by the running of the line between the said State and *New-Hampshire*. Read and committed to Mr. *Thatcher* of *Gorham*, Mr. *Hill* and Mr. *Peleg Coffin*, with such as the Hon. Senate might join.

Sent up for concurrence.

A bill, intituled "An act limiting the times, within which certain accounts or demands against this Commonwealth, shall be exhibited for liquidation and allowance," was reported by order, and read the first time, and Tuesday next, 11 o'clock, A. M. assigned for the second reading thereof.

A bill, intituled "An act, directing the process in Habeas Corpus." Read the second time, and Tuesday 10 o'clock, A. M. assigned for the third reading thereof.

Adjourned to three o'clock, P. M.

Afternoon.

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Met according to adjournment.

THE committee on the petition of *Jonathan Hale* and others, in behalf of the town of *Long-meadow*, reported an order for notifying the inhabitants of *Springfield*, to shew cause, &c. on the second Wednesday of the next session. Read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

The committee on the petition of *Bildad Fowler*, reported an order for notifying *Matthew Noble* to shew cause, &c. on the second Tuesday of next session. Read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

The committee on the representation of the Clerk of the Sessions for the county of *Dukes-County*, reported an order for granting a tax of one hundred and eighty pounds to be levied on the polls and estates within the same, for the use of the said county. Read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

A petition from *Reuben Howes*, and others, of the south-west part of *Conway*, praying to be annexed to the town of *Goshen*. Read and committed to Mr. *Ely*, Mr. *Dwight* and Mr. *Chamberlain*.

A petition from the plantation of *Sylvester*, praying that the whole or some part of their taxes might be remitted to them. Read and committed to Mr. *Thatcher*, of *Gorham*, and Mr. *Winter*, with such as the Hon. Senate might join.

Sent up for concurrence.

The committee on the petition of several towns in the county of *Worcester*, relative to the public grievances, made a report, which was read, and Wednesday next eleven o'clock. A. M. assigned for considering the same.

A petition from Col. *Edmund Pbinney*, praying for payment of an account for the expences of his regiment while on their march. Read and committed to Mr. *Hill*, Mr. *Whitney* and Mr. *Newell*.

A bill, intituled "An act in addition to an act passed the twenty-second day of *October*, in the year of our LORD, seventeen hundred and eighty-three, intituled an act making provision for the support and maintenance of light-houses on the sea-coast of this Commonwealth. Read the second time, and Tuesday next three o'clock P. M. assigned for the third reading thereof.

The committee on the petition of *Lemuel Moody*, reported an order for notifying the first and second parishes of *Amherst* to shew cause, &c. on the next session of the General Court. Read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

The committee on the petition of *Henry Lee*, made a similar report. Read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

The committee appointed to contract for the printing of the Journals of the House, reported an agreement with Mess^{rs}. *Adams* and *Nourse*, to print six hundred and fifty copies thereof at the rate of three farthings per sheet. Which was read and accepted. A

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A petition from the town of *Danvers*, stating that they were made liable to an execution for not raising a man for the army, and that the neglect did not arise from any fault in them, and praying for the interposition of the Court. Read and committed to Mr. *Thatcher*, of *Yarmouth*, Mr. *Jenkins* and Mr. *Hubbard*.

Ordered, That Mr. *Dane*, Mr. *Williams* and Mr. *Walker*, be a committee to examine into the state of Col. *Isaac Royal's* estate and those of the other absentees in the like predicament, and report what measures are necessary to be taken respecting the same.

Ordered, That Mr. *Clarke*, of *Roxbury*, Mr. *Hill* and Mr. *Taylor*, be a committee to examine into the state of the persons borne on the pension list, and report what measures may be necessary to be taken respecting them.

The Hon. Mr. *Fuller*, brought down a report of the committee appointed to consider of an establishment for the delegates to be chosen to represent this Commonwealth in Congress, being a resolve allowing thirty-three shillings *per diem* to each delegate for that service. In Senate, read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

A bill, intituled "An act establishing the processes in Replevin." Read the second time, and Tuesday next 3 o'clock, P. M. assigned for the third reading thereof.

A petition from *Daniel Wright*, praying for a compensation for his sloop and appurtenances, lost in the expedition against *Penobscot*. Read and committed to Mr. *Greenwood*, Mr. *White*, of *Rocheſter*, and Mr. *Hosmer*.

A petition from *Samuel Elliot* and others, stating that the reversion of a certain house in *Boston*, late the estate of *Joseph Green*, an absentee, belonged to them: that the said house had been leased by Government for four years to *John Brown*, Esq; and praying to be permitted to redeem the same for the use of the widow of the said *Green*. Read and committed to Mr. *A Coffin*, Mr. *P. Coffin* and Mr. *Davis*.

A petition from *John Curtis* and *Robert Atkins*, praying to be allowed a trial in a case which was determined against them by default. Read and committed to Mr. *Reed*, Mr. *Jones* and Mr. *Whitney*, of *Sherburne*.

A petition from the inhabitants of *Sudbury* and *Canada*, praying to be allowed their expence in raising and supporting men for their defence. Read and committed to Mr. *Kingsley*, Mr. *White* of *Haverhill*, and Mr. *West*.

A petition from *Oliver Gardner*, as guardian of his children, praying to be empowered to sell their real estate. Read and committed to Mr. *Howard*, Mr. *Twining* and Mr. *Reed*.

A petition from *Samuel Pendleton*, for himself and other settlers on *Leng-Iſland*, in *Penobscot Bay*, praying to be confirmed in their possessions on paying a reasonable satisfaction. Read and committed to the committee appointed by a resolve of the 28th of *October* last to do certain business in the county of *Lincoln*.

Sent up for concurrence.

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A petition from *Elizabeth Snelling*, stating that a claim had been allowed by commissioners appointed on the estate of *Jonathan Snelling*, an absentee, which was ill founded, and praying the same might be revised. Read and committed to Mr. *Dane* and Mr. *White* of *Rochester*, with such as the Hon. Senate might join.

Sent up for concurrence.

A petition from *David Greene*, an absentee residing in the Commonwealth under permission from the Governor and Council, praying to be naturalized. Read and ordered to lie.

The committee on the petition of the selectmen of *Westminster*, in favor of Messrs *Mills* and *Everett*, reported by way of resolve. Read and not accepted, and thereupon Ordered, That the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition.

Adjourn'd to Tuesday, 10 o'clock, A. M.

T U E S D A Y, June 15, 1784.

Met according to adjournment.

MR. Hooper, Mr. Robbins and Mr. Hubbard, had leave of absence.

A petition from *Edward Pope*, Esq; praying to be allowed for his travel and attendance as a member from the town of *Dartmouth* in the first session of the last General Court. Read and committed to Mr. *Clarke*.

A petition from *Jonathan Clarke*, in behalf of the town of *Southampton*, praying payment of their accounts for supporting certain paupers. Read and committed to the committee on accounts.

Sent up for concurrence

A petition from *Ebenezer Pease*, praying allowance for losses sustained by him while a soldier in the army. Read and committed to Mr. *Dwight*, Mr. *Williams* and Mr. *Rice*.

A petition from the town of *Great-Barrington*, praying that *Thomas Ingersoll*, might be authorized to collect the taxes originally given to *Thomas Ingersoll*, jun. to collect. Read and committed to Mr. *Mitchel*, Mr. *Titcomb*, and Mr. *White* of *Haverhill*.

A petition from the selectmen of *Chesterfield*, stating, that the said town had voted not to chuse a Representative the present year, and continued of that opinion, until the time allowed therefor by the constitution had elapsed, after which many of the inhabitants who voted against an election, changed their minds, and praying that a precept might issue to enable them to chuse a Representative. Read and committed to Mr. *West*, Mr. *Hobbs* and Mr. *Frye*.

Mr. *Thatcher* of *Gorham*, was charged with a message to the Hon. Senate, to request them to send down the petition of the inhabitants of *Pearson-town*, which the Hon. Mr. *Turner* brought down accordingly.

The said petition was then committed to Mr. *Thatcher* of *Gorham*, Mr. *Reed*, and Mr. *Johnson*.

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Ordered, That the Secretary be directed to lay upon the table of the House, the several sums that were apportioned for the several towns to pay in a thousand pounds, as settled in the last valuation. *Also*, the alterations that have been made since the last valuation in several towns, agreeably to the resolves for the said purpose.

A petition from *Samuel Taylor*, in behalf of the inhabitants of the town of *Buckland*, praying that a tract of public land, lying within the said town, might be granted to them. Read and committed to the committee of both Houses, appointed the 12th instant, on the petition of a similar nature, from *Aaron Chamberlain*.

Sent up for concurrence.

The petition of the selectmen of *Stockbridge*, praying to be credited in full for their requisitions of beef, the certificates of their having supplied the same not being made in the usual manner, notwithstanding. Read and committed to Mr. *Dwight* of *Great-Barrington*, Mr. *Lee* and Mr. *Bragdon*.

A bill, intituled "An act directing the process of Habeas Corpus." Read the third time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

A bill, intituled "An act for erecting a town within the county of *Suffolk*, by the name of *Dover*." Read the second time, and Wednesday next, 11 o'clock, A. M. assigned for the third reading thereof.

The committee on the petition of *Edward Pope*, Esq; reported, and it was *Ordered*, That he be allowed for his travel and pay as a member of the General Court, in the next pay roll.

A bill, intituled, "An act providing for the assessing and collecting of taxes in plantations." Read the third time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

A bill, intituled "An act for naturalizing *Thomas Robison*." Read the second time, and Wednesday, 9 o'clock, A. M. assigned for the third reading thereof.

The committee on the account of *Justus Dwight*, reported verbally, that the same should be committed to the committee on accounts for allowance and payment. Report accepted and *Ordered*, that the said account be committed accordingly.

Sent up for concurrence.

A bill, intituled "An act for confirming a grant of a certain tract of land called *Machias*, in the county of *Lincoln*, and for incorporating the said tract of land, and the inhabitants thereof, into a town, by the name of *Machias*." Read the second time, and Wednesday next, 10 o'clock, A. M. assigned for the third reading thereof.

The committee on the petition of *Christopher Gore*, as Attorney to *Arthur Champion*, reported an order for notifying *Mary Hayley* and the heirs and legatees of *Thomas Gray*, to shew cause, &c. on the second Wednesday of the next session. Read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

The Hon. Mr. *Fuller* brought down the following order of Senate, viz. "That *John Lowell* and *Theodore Sedgwick*, Esq's; with such as the Hon.

Hon. House shall join, be a committee to take into consideration and report the best method of making sale of the lands in the eastern parts of this Commonwealth.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred, and Mr. *Thatcher*, Mr. *Osgood* and Mr. *Dane* were joined.

A petition from *Joseph Ruggles*, praying for payment for rations supplied to the company of artillery under the command of Capt. *Amos Lincoln*. Read and committed to Mr. *Skinner*, Mr. *Stebbins* and Mr. *Bancroft*.

The committee on the petition of *Samuel Elliot* and others, reported, and it was Ordered, That said petition lie.

A bill, intitled "An act for incorporating a society for receiving and managing such donations as shall be made for the relief of the widows and orphans of deceased clergymen and of others therein mentioned." Read the second time and Wednesday 10 o'clock, A. M. assigned for the third reading thereof.

Adjourned to three o'clock, P. M.

Afternoon.

Met according to adjournment.

THE committee on the petition of *Paul Moor*, reported a resolve granting the prayer thereof. Read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

The petition of *Josiah Lyman*, praying for a compensation for the loss of cloathing at the siege of *Quebec*. Read and Ordered, That Mr. *Winter*, Mr. *Brown*, of *Abington*, and Mr. *Pier*, be a committee to consider the said petition, and report what measures may be necessary to be taken respecting the petitioner and all other persons in the like predicament.

The Hon. Mr. *Stone* brought down the resolve of the House of the 10th inst. on the petition of *Ebenezer Wait*. In Senate, June 15th, 1784. Read and non-concurred, and Ordered, That this petition and papers be committed to the committee on accounts.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

A petition from the inhabitants of *Paxton*, praying for relief in their taxes. Read and committed to Mr. *Hysmer*, Mr. *Thayer* and Mr. *Fesenden*.

A petition from Dr. *Samuel Langdon*, praying for a further allowance to be made him for a warrant granted him in new emission money, for his services as President of *Harvard-College*. Read and committed to Mr. *Thatcher* of *Gorham*, and Mr. *Mitchell*, with such as the Hon. Senate might join.

Sent up for concurrence.

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A bill, intituled "An act to enable the inhabitants of the town of *Longmeadow* to lay out and confirm high-ways in said town at any legal meeting before the sixth day of *November*, seventeen hundred and eighty-four." Read the second time, and Wednesday next 11 o'clock, A. M. assigned for the third reading thereof.

The Hon. Mr. *Choate* brought down an order of Senate of this day, as follows, viz. That *Theodore Sedgwick*, Esq; with such as the Hon. House shall join, be a committee to enquire whether any gentleman in this Commonwealth is rendered ineligible as a delegate to Congress by the fifth article of the confederation, and if any, who.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred, and Mr. *Osgood* and Mr. *Phillips* were joined.

The bill, intituled "An act providing remedy for bankrupts and their creditors" was again taken up, and after debate, was referred to the next session of the General Court.

The House again took up the petition of *Nathaniel Upham* and others, and resolved thereon as on the 9th inst.

Sent up for concurrence.

A bill, intituled "An act for taking affidavits out of Court." Read the third time, and passed a concurrence to be engrossed.

A petition from *Nathaniel Gbandler*, an absentee, residing in this Commonwealth by permission from the Governor and Council, praying to be naturalized. Read and ordered to lie.

The committee on the petition of *William Miller* and others, reported verbally, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition. Report accepted and Ordered, That the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition accordingly.

A bill, intituled "An act regulating the appointment and services of grand jurors." Read the second time and Wednesday next 9 o'clock, A. M. assigned for the third reading thereof.

A bill, intituled "An act establishing a court of admiralty within this Commonwealth." Read the third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

The Hon. Mr. *Nichols* brought down a report of the committee appointed to enquire "Whether any gentleman in this Commonwealth is rendered ineligible as a delegate to Congress," as follows, viz. That the Hon. *Samuel Osgood*, Esq; hath been a delegate to Congress three years now next preceeding, and therefore is ineligible as aforesaid, and that there is no other gentleman in this Commonwealth by virtue of the said article of confederation rendered ineligible." In Senate, June, 15, 1784. Read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

A bill, intituled "An act prescribing forms of writs in civil causes, and directing the mode of proceeding therein." Read the third time and pass'd a concurrence to be engrossed with amendments.

Sent up for concurrence.

A bill, intituled "An act for regulating the commencement of the year, and

and for correcting the calender." Read the second time, and Wednesday 9 o'clock, A. M. assigned for the third reading thereof.

A bill, intituled "An act limiting the times, within which certain accounts, or demands against this Commonwealth, shall be exhibited for liquidation and allowance." Read the second time, and Wednesday next, 11 o'clock A. M. assigned for the third reading thereof.

A petition from *Timothy Page*, agent on the estates of absentees in the town of *Harwick*, praying the direction of the Court, as to the discharging of the debts due from the said estates. Read and committed to Mr. *Fessenden*, Mr. *Stebbins*, and Mr. *Brown* of *Abington*.

A bill, intituled "An act for regulating the choice and services of petit Jurors." Read the third time, and passed a concurrence to be engrossed.

The member from *Scarborough*, had leave of absence.

Adjourned to Wednesday morning, 9 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, June 16, 1784.

Met according to adjournment.

MR. *Dane*, had leave of absence.

Depositions respecting the election of Mr. *Pratt*, as a Representative from the town of *Mansfield*, were laid on the table, agreeably to the order of the third instant, and committed to the committee on the petition of a number of the inhabitants of said *Mansfield*, respecting said election.

The Hon. Mr. *Turner*, brought down the following orders of Senate of this day, viz.

That *Nathaniel Wells* and *John Lowell*, Esq's; with such as the House might join, be a committee to consider a transcript from the letter of the delegates at Congress marked A. B. with the papers therein referred to, relative to the remonstrance of this Commonwealth to the Congress on the subject of the public finances, and report.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred, and Mr. *Bacon*, Mr. *Peleg Coffin* and Mr. *Williams* were joined.

That *Theodore Sedgwick*, Esq; with such as the House might join, be a committee to consider a transcript of said letter marked C. D. relating to a resolve of Congress of the 1st inst. for ascertaining the sums due for ox teams, &c. in order for payment thereof, and report.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred, and Mr. *Davis* of *Boston*, and Mr. *Smith*, were joined.

That *Cotton Tufts*, Esq; with such as the House might join, be a committee to take into consideration a transcript of said letter marked E. F. relative to the claim of the Commonwealth to lands west of *New-York*, and report.

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Sent down for concurrence.
Read and concurred, and Mr. *Reed* and Mr. *Mitchel* were joined.

That *Stephen Choate* and *William Heath*, Esq's; with such as the House might join, be a committee to consider a transcript of said letter, marked G. H. relating to the extraordinary expences of this Commonwealth incurred by their line being retained in service after the disbanding of the rest of the army, &c. and report.

Sent down for concurrence.
Read and concurred, and Mr. *Thatcher* of Cambridge, Mr. *Osgood* and Mr. *Titcomb* were joined.

That *Isreal Nichols* and *Beriah Norton*, Esq's. with such as the House might join, be a committee to take into consideration a transcript of said letter marked I. K. relating to renewing application to Congress on the subject of the *Penobscot* expedition, &c. and report.

Sent down for concurrence.
Read and concurred, and Mr. *Fessenden*, Mr. *Osgood* and Mr. *Hunt* were joined.

A bill, intituled "An act for naturalizing *Thomas Robison*." Read the third time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. *Davis* of *Boston*, was charged with a message to propose to the Hon. Senate, deferring the choice of delegates to Congress, till to-morrow, 10 o'clock, A. M. The Hon. Mr. *Bridge* came down and said that the Senate agreed to the said proposal.

A petition from *John Webster*, guardian of *Mary Whitmore*, stating that *John Whitmore* had left by his will, the annual sum of five pounds six shillings, to the said *Mary*, his widow, which was inadequate to her support, and praying to be authorized to sell certain land, part of said estate, for her relief. Read and committed to Mr. *Brown* of *Lexington*, Mr. *Stone* and Mr. *Richmond*.

A bill, intituled "An act for confirming a grant of a certain tract of land called *Machias*, in the county of *Lincoln*, and for incorporating the said tract of land, and the inhabitants thereof, into a town by the name of *Machias*." Read the third time, and passed a concurrence to be engrossed.

A bill, intituled "An act for erecting a town within the county of *Suffolk*, by the name of *Dover*." Read the third time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

A bill, intituled "An act limiting the times within which certain accounts and demands against this Commonwealth shall be exhibited for liquidation and allowance. Read the third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

The committee on of the petition of the inhabitants of *Chesterfield*, reported verbally, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition. Report accepted and ordered accordingly.

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Ordered, That Mr. Childs, Mr. Tobey and Mr. Kingley, be a committee to consider the petition of John Torrey, and hear the answer thereto, if any shall appear, and report what may be proper to be done thereon.

The committee on the petition of Josiah Lyman, reported an order for referring the same to the committee on accounts for allowance and payment. Read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

The Hon. Mr. Freeman brought down a letter from the Hon. B. Goodhue, Esq; dated the 15th instant, resigning his seat as a Senator for the county of Essex. *In Senate*, June 16, 1784.

Read and sent down.

Read and sent up.

A bill, intituled "An act against duelling." Read the second time, and Friday next 11 o'clock, A. M. assigned for the third reading thereof.

A bill, intituled "An act regulating the appointment, and services of grand jurors." Read the third time, and passed a concurrence to be engrossed, with amendments.

Sent up for concurrence.

Ordered, That Mr. Bacon, Mr. Hosmer and Mr. Thatcher, be a committee to revise the resolve passed the 26th day of February last, limiting the time for consolidating government securities, and report.

Ordered, That Mr. Tobey, Mr. Walker and Mr. May, be a committee to report ways and means to furnish the committee on accounts, with a sufficient sum of money for their use.

Adjourned to three o'clock, P. M.

Afternoon.

Met according to adjournment.

THE committee on the petition of Reuben Howes and others, of Conway, praying to be annexed to the town of Gosben, reported verbally, That the petitioners have leave to bring in a bill for the purpose mentioned in their petition. Report accepted, and *Ordered*, That the petitioners have leave to bring in a bill accordingly.

The Hon. Mr. Nichols brought down a petition from the selectmen of Leominster, praying to be empowered to call a meeting of said town, to chuse a constable in the room of one excused, and a resolve of Senate of this day, granting the prayer thereof. Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

The Hon. Mr. Durfee brought down the bill, regulating the appointments and services of grand jurors, and the proposed amendments of the House thereon. *In Senate*, June 16, 1784. Read and non-concurred.

Read again, and the House re-considered their last vote, and concurred with the vote of the Hon. Senate.

The Hon. Mr. Norton brought down a report of the committee on the petition of John White, being a resolve, allowing him seven pounds, ten shillings, in full of all demands. *In Senate*, June 16, 1784.

Read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

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The committee on the petitions of the inhabitants of *Sutton* and other towns, respecting certain grievances, supposed to exist in the Commonwealth, made report, and the same being read and debated, the consideration thereof, was ordered to subside, and it was

Ordered, That Mr. *Greenwood*, Mr. *A. Coffin* and Mr. *Stearns*, with such as the Hon. Senate shall join, be a committee to consider what measures can be taken to remedy the inconvenience arising to the citizens of this Commonwealth from the present scarcity of circulating money, and report.

Sent up for concurrence.

An engrossed bill, intitled "An act for taking affidavits out of Court." This bill having had three several readings passed to be enacted.

A bill, intitled "An act in addition to an act passed the twenty-second day of *October*, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three, intitled an act making provision for the support and maintenance of light-houses on the sea-coast of this Commonwealth." Read the third time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

A bill, intitled "An act to indemnify public creditors against suits at law in certain cases." Read the first time, and Thursday 11 o'clock, A. M. assigned for the second reading thereof.

A petition from *Oliver Pier* and others, praying for a confirmation of a grant of land. Read and committed to Mr. *Bacon* and Mr. *Skinner*, with such as the Hon. Senate might join.

Sent up for concurrence.

The committee on the petition of the district of *Orange*, reported, that the petitioners have leave to bring in a bill for the purposes mentioned in their petition. Report accepted and *Ordered*, That the petitioners have leave to bring in a bill accordingly.

Adjourned to Thursday morning, ten o'clock.

T H U R S D A Y, June 17, 1784.

Met according to adjournment.

THE committee on the petition of *John Webber*, as guardian of *Mary Whitmore*, reported a resolve, empowering the said *John* to sell the land in said petition mentioned. Read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. *Bacon* was charged with a message to the Hon. Senate, to inform them that the House were ready to proceed to the choice of five delegates, to represent this Commonwealth in Congress the ensuing year, according to assignment, and that the usual seats would be assigned for the members of the Hon. Senate in the chamber where the House sit. The two Houses then assembled together, and proceeded to the choice by joint ballot; Mr. *Dalton*, Mr. *Heath*, Mr. *Bacon*, Mr. *Dawes* and Mr. *P. Coffin*,
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were appointed to collect, count and sort the votes, who reported, that the Hon. *Elbridge Gerry*, *Francis Dana*, *Samuel Holton*, *George Partridge* and *Tristram Dalton*, Esq's. were severally chosen. Which report was accepted, and the Houses separated.

Ordered, That Mr. *Clarke*, Mr. *Phelps* and Mr. *Hosmer*, be a committee to ascertain what number of poor have been supported by the State the year past, and the charge of supporting the same. *Also*, The number of poor of *Charlestown* supported by the State, and the charge of the same for one year last past, and report.

The Hon. Mr. *Durfee* brought down an order of Senate of this day, directing the Secretary to notify the several gentlemen this day chose delegates to represent this Commonwealth in Congress, of their elections.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

The committee on the petition of a number of the inhabitants of the town of *Mansfield* respecting the election of Mr. *Pratt*, as a representative from the said town made report, which being read, the further consideration thereof was referred to three o'clock, P. M. and it was *Ordered*, That Mr. *Bacon*, Mr. *Osgood* and Mr. *Hunt*, be a committee to consider whether it is constitutional to suspend a member of this House duly returned, when allegations are made against him, and before the House has considered and determined whether such allegations are true or not, and report.

The committee appointed to revise the resolve of the 26th of *February* last, limiting the time of consolidating government securities, reported a resolve directing the Treasurer to proceed in the said business of consolidation until the first day of *January* next; but not hereafter to allow the premium of four per cent. Read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

A bill, intituled "An act to indemnify public creditors against suits at law in certain cases." Read the second time, and the question being put, whether the time should be assigned for the third reading thereof, it passed in the negative, and the said bill was ordered to lie.

Adjourned to three o'clock, P. M.

Afternoon.

Met according to adjournment.

A Bill, intituled "An act to incorporate the committee of the church and congregation in *Orange*, for certain purposes," was brought in by leave, and read the first time, and Friday next, 10 o'clock, A. M. assigned for the second reading thereof.

The committee on the petition of the selectmen of *Westminster*, made report, which after debate, was not accepted, and Mr. *Thatcher* of *Cambridge*, was appointed to bring in a resolve for remitting one half of the fine laid on them, for not sending a Representative in the year 1782, which was reported accordingly. Read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

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The committee appointed to consider, whether it is constitutional to suspend a member duly returned, when allegations are made against him, and before the House have considered and determined, whether such allegations are true or not, reported it as their unanimous opinion, that for the House to proceed to suspend a member duly returned merely on the allegations of a number of individuals, be that number greater or less, is altogether repugnant to the principles of the constitution, and the spirit of all *free governments*, and, in its consequences, might deprive every member of the legislature of those essential rights, which by the constitution, are secured to every citizen of this Commonwealth. Which report was read and accepted, and thereupon, *Voted*, That the resolve of the 3d inst. on the petition of a number of the inhabitants of the town of *Mansfield*, so far as it relates to the suspension of Mr. *John Pratt*, returned as a Representative from said town of *Mansfield*, be re-considered, and that Mr. *Pratt* be informed thereof.

The House then proceeded to consider the report of the committee on the said petition of a number of the inhabitants of said *Mansfield*, and the parties to said petition being admitted upon the floor, the depositions were read, and witnesses examined in part, and the further proceedings on said petition was postponed to Friday morning.

Adjourn'd to Friday, 9 o'clock.

F R I D A Y, June 18, 1784.

Met according to adjournment.

THE committee on the petition of Col. *Edmund Phiney*, reported a resolve allowing him sixteen pounds, sixteen shillings and eight pence, in full of his demands. Read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

A bill, intituled "An act to set off *Samuel Lute, Jonathan Snow, Edward Wing, Admiral Potter* and *Reuben Hows*, from the town of *Conway*, in the county of *Hampshire*, and annex them to the town of *Gosben*, in said county," was brought in by leave and read the first time, and Saturday next, 10 o'clock, A. M. assigned for the second reading thereof.

A bill, intituled "An act to incorporate the committee of the Church and Congregation in *Orange* for certain purposes." Read the second time, and Tuesday 10 o'clock, A. M. assigned for the third reading thereof.

A petition from *William Shillaber*, in behalf of the assessors of the town of *Danvers*, stating that a law process had been instituted against them by one *John Felt*, an inhabitant of said town, under pretence of a small surplussage of money being raised for the year 1782, more than was voted by the town, which happened by means of the fractions made in their tables, and praying the aid of this Court in stopping the said process. Read and committed to Mr. *Clarke* and Mr. *Whitney*, of *Northfield* with such as the Hon. Senate might join, to consider the subject matter thereof, and report.

Sent up for concurrence.

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The Hon. Mr. *Lowell* came down and said that the Hon. *Timothy Danielson*, Esq; who was chosen a Councillor, had signified to the Senate that he was ready to be qualified for exercising of the duties of his office, and that the Senate proposed a convention of both Houses immediately for that purpose, in such place as the House should please to appoint. A message was sent to inform the Hon. Senate that the House agreed to the proposal, and that their room would be ready for receiving the members of the Hon. Senate. Whereupon the two Houses assembled together, and the Hon. *Timothy Danielson*, Esq; was duly qualified for exercising the duties of the office aforesaid, in their presence, by taking the oaths and subscribing the declarations pointed out by the constitution.

The Hon. Mr. *Durfee* brought down an order of Senate of this day, directing the Secretary to acquaint the Governor of the Hon. *Timothy Danielson*, Esq; being qualified as a Councillor of this Commonwealth.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

The Hon. Mr. *Fuller* brought down the schedule proposed by the House, for the articles to be returned in order to take a new valuation of the several towns in the Commonwealth. In Senate, June 19th, 1784. Read and concurred, as taken into a new draft.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and non-concurred, and the House adhered to their own vote.

Sent up.

A return was made from the selectmen of *South-Brimfield*, whereby it appeared that Mr. *Afa Houghton* was chosen to represent them the present year.

The House proceeded to consider the petition of a number of the inhabitants of the town of *Mansfield* relative to the election of Mr. *John Pratt*, and the report of the committee thereon, and the parties being fully heard on the floor, the House referred the final question on the report to the afternoon.

The Hon. Mr. *Stor*e brought down the bill for confirming the proceedings of the first parish in *Cambridge*. In Senate, June 18, 1784. Read the second time and passed a concurrence to be engrossed with an amendment.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

Adjourned to 3 o'clock P. M.

Afternoon.

Met according to adjournment.

THE Members from *Billerica*, *Dunstable* and *Chelmsford* had leave of absence.

An engrossed bill, intituled "An act regulating the appointment and services of grand Jurors." This bill having had three several readings, passed to be enacted.

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A bill, intituled "An act for incorporating a society for receiving and managing such donations as shall be made for the relief of the widows and orphans of deceased clergymen, and of others therein mentioned," was taken up and read the third time in part, and after debate it was *Ordered*, That the further consideration of the said bill be referred to the next session of the General Court.

A representation from the committee appointed to settle the accounts of *Ezra Lunt*, commissary of small stores, &c. "That on the settlement of the said accounts there appeared to be due from the Commonwealth to the said *Lunt*, the sum of eight hundred and twenty-seven pounds seventeen shillings and nine pence." Read and committed to Mr. *Davis* of *Boston*, Mr. *Varnum* and Mr. *May*.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cushing*, Mr. *Dawes* and Mr. *Clark*, with such as the Hon. Senate may join, be a committee to view the state of the Castle in *Boston* harbour, with respect to the number of men employed there, and the condition of the works; and also consider proper measures for preserving the same, and report.

The House proceeded to consider the petition of a number of the inhabitants of *Mansfield*, respecting the election of Mr. *John Pratt*, and the report of the committee thereon, and after debate, it was *Voted*, That the question on the report subside.

A motion was then made and seconded, That the following be made a question, *viz.* "Whether from the charges exhibited against Mr. *Pratt*, of indirect proceedings at his election, and the evidence adduced, his seat ought to be vacated?" A motion was then made and seconded, that the said question be postponed for the following, *viz.* "whether from the evidence given to the House it appears that Mr. *John Pratt*, a member thereof, is guilty of bribery and corruption, and has thereby forfeited his seat." And the question for postponing being put, it passed in the affirmative. The last proposed question was then tried and passed in the negative. A motion was then made and seconded, that the sense of the House should be taken on the first proposed question, and the same being put, it passed in the negative likewise.

Adjourn'd to Saturday morning, 10 o'clock, A. M.

SATURDAY, June 19, 1784.

Met according to adjournment.

A PETITION from a number of the inhabitants of *Northampton* and other towns, praying to be erected into a separate district. Read and committed to Mr. *Smith* and Mr. *Phelps*, with such as the Hon. Senate might join, to consider and report.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. *Adams* and Mr. *Ingersoll*, had leave of absence.

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The Hon. Mr. Orr brought down a report of the committee on the transcript of the letter from the delegates at Congress of the 4th instant, marked C.D. being an opinion that the papers marked No. 16 & No. 17, be referred to the committee for methodising public accounts.

That the act of Congress of the first of June, so far as it respects the estimate of Congress of the 18th April, 1783, be referred to the committee who have under consideration the relinquishment of part of the requisition of Congress, for 8,000,000 dollars.

Read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Also, a resolve directing the Treasurer to pay to *Jabez Hatch*, Esq; late deputy-quarter-master general, eighteen thousand four hundred and fourteen pounds, twelve shillings, out of the second moiety of the Continental tax, to be by him paid to certain persons, to whom the same was due. In Senate, June 19, 1784.

Read and accepted, as taken into a new draft.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred with amendments.

Sent up for concurrence.

The petition of *William Lithgow*, jun. Esq; in behalf of the county of *Lincoln*, relative to their taxes. Read and committed to Mr. *Smead* and Mr. *Hosmer*, with such as the Hon. Senate might join.

Sent up for concurrence.

A motion was made and seconded, that the last vote passed yesterday on the petition of a number of the inhabitants of *Mansfield*, be reconsidered, so far as that the matter should lie open to debate. A previous motion was then made and seconded, that the following question should be put, viz. "whether the House will again consider the constitutionality of Mr. *John Pratt's* election." And the same being put, passed in the negative.

A petition from *Chuney Reed*, praying for relief from his extraordinary trouble and expence in attending upon the petition of *Timothy Childs* and others, against himself and others. Read and committed with the said petition, to Mr. *Bancroft*, Mr. *Bacon* and Mr. *Clarke*.

A petition from the selectmen of *Charlemont*, stating that there had been a double choice of a representative for said town, by means of a doubt as to the legality of the adjournment of the meeting held for the election, and praying for the decision of the House in the case. Read and committed to Mr. *Fairbanks*, Mr. *Stearns* and Mr. *Richmond*.

The committee on the petition and accounts of *John Tracy*, owner of ship *Pallas* lost at *Penobscot*, made report, which was committed to Mr. *Breck*, Mr. *Fessenden* and Mr. *Davis*, of *Boston*.

The Hon. Mr. *Nichols* brought down the petition of *John Torrey*, with an order of Senate of this day, committing the same to *Theodore Sedgwick*, Esq; with such as the House might join.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred, and Mr. *Thatcher* of *Cambridge*, and Mr. *Greenwood*, were joined.

The Hon. Mr. *Stone* brought down the following order of Senate of this

this day, on the petition of the several towns in the county of *Dukes-County*, viz. *In Senate*, June 19, 1784. On the petition of the several towns in *Dukes-County*,

Ordered, That the subject matter of the aforesaid petition be referred to the next session of the General Court, and that the Treasurer of the Commonwealth be directed in the mean time to suspend executions against the inhabitants of the several towns in the county of *Dukes-County* for taxes granted from the year 1778, to the year 1782, inclusive, and for the fines assessed on the said towns for not raising their quota of men for the year 1783, and also for the tax assessed on the town of *Edgartown* for the year 1777.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

The Hon. Mr. *Lewis* brought down the bill granting a lottery to repair the bridge in *Watertown*. *In Senate*, June 19, 1784. Read the second time, and pass'd a concurrence to be engrossed with amendments.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

The Hon. Mr. *Fuller* brought down the schedule of articles to be returned for taking a new valuation of the several towns in this Commonwealth, and the vote of the House thereon. *In Senate*, June 19th, 1784. Read again, and the Senate adhere to their own vote.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and *Ordered*, That Mr. *Mitchel*, Mr. *Mead* and Mr. *Ely*, be a committee on the part of the House, to confer with such committee as the Honorable Senate may appoint on the subject matter of the difference of the two Houses, on the said schedule, and report.

Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourn'd to Monday, 10 o'clock A. M.

M O N D A Y, June 12, 1784.

Met according to adjournment.

THE committee on the petition of *Joseph Dyer*, reported a resolve for allowing him the sum of twenty pounds in specie notes, to be dated January 1, 1777. Read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

The Hon. Mr. *Durfee* brought down the petition of the town of *Northfield*. *In Senate*, June 19, 1784. Read again, and committed to *Samuel Baker*, Esq; with such as the House might join.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred, and Mr. *Hunt* and Mr. *Newell* were joined.

Also, The impost and excise bill, with the amendments proposed by the House. *In Senate*, June 19, 1784. Read the second time, and pass'd a concurrence to be engrossed with amendments.

Sent down for concurrence.

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Read and concurred, excepting with the amendment at C, and *Ordered*, That Mr. *Hosmer*, Mr. *Davis* and Mr. *Clarke*, be a committee on the part of the House, to confer with such committee as the Hon. Senate may appoint, on the subject matter of the said amendment.

Sent up for concurrence.

The petition of a number of the inhabitants of *Charlemont*, praying to be set off from said town, referred from the last session, was again read and committed to Mr. *Hinman*, Mr. *Kingsley* and Mr. *Whitney*.

A petition from *Levi Pease*, praying to be allowed the exclusive privilege of a stage waggon, to go weekly from *Boston* to *Hartford*, on certain conditions, for seven years. Read and *Ordered*, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

By return from the town of *Norwich*, it appeared that they had made choice of *John Kirkland*, Esq; to represent them, who was qualified and took his seat accordingly.

By return from the town of *Chester*, it appeared, that they had made choice of Mr. *Jesse Johnson*, to represent them, who was duly qualified and took his seat accordingly.

On motion, *Ordered*, That a committee be appointed to frame a bill for raising a tax upon the polls and estates of the inhabitants of this Commonwealth. Mr. *Clarke*, Mr. *Skinner*, Mr. *Walker*, Mr. *May* and Mr. *Bancroft*, were then chosen on said committee.

Ordered, That a committee be raised to bring in a bill for taking a valuation of the several towns in this Commonwealth. Mr. *Dwight* of *Springfield*, Mr. *Hubbard* and Mr. *Ashley*, were then chosen on the said committee.

A petition from *John Fellows*, late sheriff of the county of *Berkshire*, stating that he was sued for a supposed misfeasance in exercising the duty of his office, at the court in *Worcester*, and praying that the said action might be removed to the court in *Berkshire*. Read and committed to Mr. *Skinner* and Mr. *Whitney*, with such as the Hon. Senate might join.

Sent up for concurrence.

An engross'd bill, intituled "An act for enabling the first precinct belonging to, and lying within the town of *Cambridge*, to raise money for discharging the debts incurred in carrying on the late war, and for confirming the grants and assessments that have been already made for that purpose." This bill having had three several readings passed to be enacted.

On motion, *Ordered*, That a chair be assigned for the Hon. *Thomas Jefferson*, Esq; late Governor of *Virginia*, and now one of the Ministers of the United States for negotiating commercial treaties, if he is inclined to attend the debates of the House, and that Mr. *Osgood*, Mr. *Davis* and Mr. *Swan*, be a committee to wait on the gentleman, and inform him of this order. Who reported that they had attended that service.

The committee on the petition of the town of *Paxton*, reported by way of resolve. Read and not accepted, and thereupon *Ordered*, That the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition.

The bill, for setting off *Samuel Luce* and others, from *Conway* to *Goshen*, was again read, and it was *Ordered*, That the proceedings on said bill subside.

The committee on the petition of the town of *Charlemont* reported, and after debate, a motion was made and seconded that the sense of the House be taken on the following questions, viz. 1st. whether Mr. *Jonathn Hastings* was constitutionally chosen as a representative of said town or not?

2d. Whether Mr. *Asaph White* was constitutionally chosen as a representative of said town or not?

And the said questions being severally put, both passed in the negative.

A motion was made and seconded, that a precept be issued to the town of *Charlemont* to make choice of a representative for the present year, if they see cause. And the question being put, passed in the affirmative.

A precept was issued accordingly.

The committee appointed to consider the resolve of Congress of February 17, 1783, relative to the 8th article of the confederation, reported, and it was *Ordered*, That in the schedule before the General Court for taking a valuation, there be added a column for the number of white inhabitants of every age, sex and condition; and a column for the number of black inhabitants of every age, sex and condition; and a column for all land granted to and surveyed for any person. And that in the act which shall accompany the said schedule for carrying the intentions of the General Court into effect respecting the said valuation, reference be had to the intentions of Congress and of the General Court relative to the continental valuation, and that the said act be formed immediately.

Sent up for concurrence.

A message was sent to the Hon. Senate to request them to send down the petition of the town of *Wilbraham*, which was brought down accordingly. And being read, was committed to Mr. *West*, Mr. *Granson* and Mr. *Thompson*.

Adjourned to three o'clock, P. M.

Afternoon.

Met according to adjournment.

MR. *Osgood*, Mr. *Sprout* and the member from *Chilmark*, had leave of absence.

A bill, intitled "An act regulating the proceedings of proprietors of townships or new plantations, granted by the General Court." Read the second time, and Tuesday next three o'clock, P. M. assigned for the third reading thereof. The said bill was then committed to Mr. *Carnes*, Mr. *Clark* and Mr. *Turner* to consider in the mean time.

A bill, intitled "An act establishing the right to and the form of the writ *de homine replegiando*." Read the second time, and Tuesday ten o'clock, A. M. assigned for the third reading thereof.

A petition from a number of the inhabitants of *Shapleightown*, praying for the remission of their taxes. Read and committed to Mr. *Phelps*, Mr. *A. Coffin* and Mr. *Brown*, of *Abington*.

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The list of public committees was ordered to be read, and the same being read, it was *Ordered*, That Mr. *Godfrey* and Mr. *Fessenden*, with such as the Hon. Senate may join, be a committee to consider what public business is necessary to be acted upon the present session of the General Court, and report.

Sent up for concurrence.

On a motion, a message was sent to the Hon. Senate, to request them to send down the petition from certain proprietors of lands in *Stockbridge*, which was brought down accordingly, and committed to Mr. *Kingsley*, Mr. *Patch* and Mr. *Fairbanks*.

The committee on pensions, reported a resolve allowing *Solomon Parsons*, jun. one half pay as a private soldier till further order. Read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

The committee on the petition of *John Page*, reported a resolve for notifying *John Langdon* to shew cause, &c. on the second Thursday of next session, and for staying the execution in said petition mentioned, in the mean time. Read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

The Hon. Mr. *Fuller* brought down a report of the committee of both Houses on the account of *John White*, being a resolve allowing him seven pounds ten shillings, in full of his account. *In Senate, June 16, 1784.* Read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

The committee on the petition of *Calvin Partridge*, administrator on the estate of the late Col. *Ichabod Alden*, deceased, reported a resolve for granting to the petitioner, as guardian of the said *Alden's* children, one hundred and eighty pounds, agreeably to a resolve of Congress of the twenty-fourth of *August, 1780.*

Sent up for concurrence.

The committee on the petition of the inhabitants of *Sudbury-Canada*, reported verbally, that the said petition lie for want of vouchers. Report accepted, and *Ordered* to lie accordingly.

The House considered their vote of this morning, ordering the proceedings on the bill for setting off *Samuel Luce* and others, from *Conway* to *Goshen*, to subside, and the said bill, being intitled "An act to set off *Samuel Luce, Jonathan Snow, Edward Wing, Admiral Potter* and *Reuben Hows*, from the town of *Conway*, in the county of *Hampshire*, and annex them to the town of *Goshen*, in said county," was read the second time, and Tuesday next, 3 o'clock, P. M. assigned for the third reading thereof.

A bill, intitled "An act directing the manner in which rates and taxes shall be assessed and collected. Read the second time, and Tuesday next, 3 o'clock, P. M. assigned for the third reading thereof.

A petition from the delegates of a majority of the towns in the county of *Plimouth*, stating certain grievances, supposed to exist in the Commonwealth, and praying that they might be redressed. Read and committed to Mr. *Bailey*, Mr. *Jenkins* and Mr. *Mearch*.

Adjourn'd to Tuesday, 9 o'clock, A. M.

T U E S D A Y, June 22, 1784.

Met according to adjournment.

A N account of the selectmen of *Andover* for supporting certain paupers. Read and committed to the committee on accounts for examination and allowance.

Sent up for concurrence.

A bill, intituled "An act establishing the right to and form of the writ *de homine replegiando*." Read the third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

The committee on the petition of *Timothy Page*, agent on the estates of certain absentees, late of *Hardwick*, reported a resolve granting the prayer thereof. Read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

The Hon. Mr. *Washburn* brought down a bill, intituled "An act directing the proceedings against forcible entry and detainer." *In Senate*, June 21, 1784. Read the second time and pass'd to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read the first time, and Wednesday next nine o'clock, A. M. assigned for the second reading thereof.

A bill, intituled "An act for regulating the commencement of the year, and for correcting the calender." Read the third time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

The committee on the petition of the town of *Wilbraham*, reported a resolve for abating one half of the fine laid on them for neglecting to send a representative to the General Court. Read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

A bill, intituled, "An act directing the manner in which rates and taxes shall be assessed and collected, and making real estate liable for the payment of taxes in certain cases." Read the third time, and the said bill was recommitted for amendments.

The committee on the representation of the committee on the accounts of *Exra Lunt*, late commissary of small stores, reported a resolve for paying him two hundred and seventy-five pounds seventeen shillings and nine pence in specie, and five hundred and fifty-two pounds in governmental securities, to bear date, July 4, 1782. Read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. *Mitchel* was charged with a message to the Hon. Senate, to request them to send down the schedule for taking a valuation, which the Hon. Mr. *Nichols* brought down accordingly. The said schedule was then read again, and after debate, the House reconsidered their vote of non-concurrence thereon, and agreed to the new draft of the Hon. Senate, with amendments.

Sent up for concurrence.

The Treasurer laid his accounts upon the table of the House, agreeably to order.

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The Hon. Mr. *Durfee* brought down the resolve of the House of the 11th instant, directing the committee for stating and methodizing public accounts to proceed in the settlement of the accounts of agents and committees on absentees estates, &c. In Senate, June 21, 1784. Read and concurred with an amendment.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred, and the House proposed a further amendment.

Sent up for concurrence.

The Hon. Mr. *Choate* brought down the following order of Senate of this day, viz. That *Eleazer Brooks*, *William Heath* and *Theodore Sedgwick*, Esq's; with such as the Hon. House shall join, be a committee to take into consideration the resolutions of Congress of the twenty-seventh and twenty-ninth of *April* last, for the purpose of determining the practicability of applying the surplus of this State's quota of the requisition of Congress for eight millions of dollars (not now demanded) for the purposes of this Commonwealth, instead of a new tax.

And also, In what manner that portion of the tax for eight millions of dollars which may be appropriated to the payment of the interest of loan-office certificates ought to be applied.---And also, to consider the expediency and necessity of providing supplementary funds, in addition to the continental impost agreeably to resolutions of Congress previous to the application aforesaid.---And likewise to consider what directions are necessary to be given to the assessors of the several towns and plantations in this Commonwealth relative to the tax bill lately issued by the Treasurer.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred, and Mr. *Phillips*, Mr. *Smead*, Mr. *Clarke* and Mr. *Swan*, were joined.

Mr. *Frye* had leave of absence.

Adjourned to three o'clock, P. M.

Afternoon.

Met according to adjournment.

THE Hon. Mr. *Washburn* brought down a report of the committee of both Houses appointed to consider what further measures are proper to be taken relative to the British encroachments on the eastern territories of this Commonwealth, being a state of facts, and their opinion that the Governor be requested to lay before the Court any communications he may have received on the subject, &c. with the following order of Senate thereon. In Senate, June 22, 1784. Read and accepted and thereupon Ordered, That *Caleb Strong* and *William Heath*, Esq's; with such as the Hon. House shall join, be a committee to wait on his Excellency the Governor and deliver him the following message, viz.

Sent down for concurrence.

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May it please your Excellency.

HAVING been informed that the encroachments supposed to have been made by British subjects on the eastern parts of this State still continue, and are of an alarming nature; and having examined the former proceedings of the General Court, of the Governor and Council, and the communications of your Excellency on the subject, we find by your message of the nineteenth of March last, that your Excellency was about to open a correspondence respecting this affair with Governor Par, of Nova-Scotia, who appeared to profess such a disposition as led your Excellency to conceive that the matter would be accommodated to the satisfaction of both States. To attain a perfect knowledge of the present state of this business, we request your Excellency to lay before the General Court copies of such letters as may have been written to the Governor of Halifax, and such answers, if any, as you have received from him, as well as every other information which your Excellency may have received relative to the subject. We beg leave to assure your Excellency that the General Court, impressed with the importance of this affair, and the disagreeable consequences that may arise from any delay, are ready to furnish all that aid and assistance which may be necessary for settling this dispute, and quieting the minds of the good people of this Commonwealth and securing their just rights.

Read and concurred, and Mr. Osgood, Mr. Potter and Mr. Williams were joined.

The Hon. Mr. Baker brought down a report of the committee of both Houses on the application of Edmund Bridge and others for a grant of land. *In Senate, June 22, 1784.* Read and accepted and thereupon *Ordered,* That the committee aforesaid be, and they hereby are authorized and empowered to employ a surveyor in behalf of the Commonwealth, to resurvey the said tract of land as soon as may be, and return a plan thereof under oath to the General Court therein specifying the quantity of land exclusive of ponds, and such bogs as may be of no value, that the same tract may be confirmed by the said petitioners they paying at the rate aforesaid, (*viz.* at six shillings per acre in government securities,) and quieting the settlers on the said tract (if any there be) on terms which the said committee shall think reasonable.

Sent down for concurrence.

Also, A report of the committee of both Houses on the petitions of certain inhabitants of Northampton and Southampton, praying to be incorporated into a separate district, that it was proper the prayers of said petitions should be granted, and that the petitioners have leave to bring in a bill for the purpose. *In Senate, June 22, 1784.* Read and accepted and thereupon *Ordered,* That the said petitioners have leave to bring in a bill accordingly.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and non-concurred.

A bill, intituled "An act for granting a lottery for the purpose of widening and repairing the great bridge over Charles-river, in the town of Watertown." This engrossed bill having had three several readings, passed and be enacted.

A message was sent to the Hon. Senate to request them to send down the petition of *William Foster* and others, which was brought down accordingly, and the House reconsidered their vote of the third inst. on the said petition, and committed the same to Mr. *Clarke*, Mr. *Thatcher* and Mr. *Richmond*, with such as the Hon. Senate might join.

Sent up for concurrence.

A bill, intituled "An act to incorporate the committee of the church and congregation in *Orange*, for certain purposes." Read the third time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

A petition from *Joseph Shephard* and his sons, stating that he had conveyed his estate to them on condition of their paying his debts, which they found they were unable to perform, and praying to be empowered to reconvey the said estate. Read and committed to Mr. *Greenwood*, Mr. *Bailey*, and Mr. *Brown* of *Abington*.

A petition from *H. Knox*, Esq; praying leave to take out letters of administration upon the estate of *Thomas Flucker*, Esq; an absentee, deceased. Read and committed to Mr. *Osgood*, Mr. *Breck* and Mr. *Thatcher* of *Cambridge*, with such as the Hon. Senate might join.

Sent up for concurrence.

The Treasurer's accounts were taken up, and Ordered, That the same be committed to the committee of both Houses, appointed this day to consider the resolutions of Congress, of the 27th, 28th and 29th of *April*, and other matters mentioned in their commission.

Sent up for concurrence.

A bill, intituled "An act for confirming a grant of a certain tract of land called *Machias*, in the county of *Lincoln*, and for incorporating the said tract of land, and the inhabitants thereof, into a town, by the name of *Machias*." This engrossed bill, having had three several readings, passed to be enacted.

A petition from the towns of *Harvard* and *Boxborough*, praying for the establishment of the line between said towns as agreed upon. Read and Ordered, That the petitioners have leave to bring in a bill for the purposes of their petition.

A message was sent to the Hon. Senate, to request them to send down the schedule for a valuation, and the said schedule was brought down accordingly, concurred by the Hon. Senate. It was then committed to the committee appointed to bring in a bill for taking a new valuation of the several towns in the Commonwealth.

A bill, intituled "An act to enable the inhabitants of the town of *Long-Meadow*, to lay out, and confirm highways in said town, at any legal meeting before the sixth day of *November*, seventeen hundred and eighty-four." Read the third time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

By return from the town of *Brimfield*, it appeared that the inhabitants thereof, had made choice of the Hon. *Timothy Danielson*, Esq; to represent them in the General Court, That gentleman having been chosen a Councillor of this Commonwealth, a precept was ordered to be issued for a new choice, if the said electors should see cause to make one. A precept was issued accordingly.

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A petition from *John Simons*, stating, "That he had neglected to exhibit a certain demand against the estate of *John Vassall*, Esq; an absentee, till the commission for examining the claims against said estate was closed, and praying that he might be allowed his debt notwithstanding." Read and committed to Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Hosmer*, and Mr. *Thatcher*.

A petition from *Jonas Clark*, minister of the gospel in *Lexington*, stating that he had been subjected to the excise duty laid on carriages, which he considered as a grievance, and submitting his case to the consideration of the Court. Read, and thereupon Ordered; That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

Ordered, That Mr. *Stearns*, Mr. *Whitney* and Mr. *Coit*, be a committee to make up a pay roll for the travel and attendance of the members of the House, the present session, and report the same to the House.

The committee on the petition of *Joseph Shephard* and his sons, reported a resolve granting the prayer thereof. Read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

The committee on the petition of *Abraham Watson*, reported a resolve granting the prayer thereof. Read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

The committee on the petition of certain inhabitants of *Shapleigh-town*, reported verbally, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition. Report accepted and ordered accordingly.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hosmer*, Mr. *Dawes* and Mr. *Hill* be a committee to enquire of Mr. *Appleton*, the continental loan-officer in this Commonwealth, the state of the new emission money, and report.

The committee on the accounts of *John Tracy*, for the disbursements of the ship *Pallas*, reported, and it was Ordered, That the report of the committee of both Houses on his petition, of the 12th inst. be accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourn'd to Wednesday, nine o'clock, A. M.

W E D N E S D A Y, June 23, 1784.

Met according to adjournment.

THE committee on pensions, reported a resolve allowing *Jeremiah Robins* one eighth part of his pay as a private soldier. Read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

A petition from the inhabitants of *Brookfield*, praying for a lottery to enable them to repair the bridges and causeways in said town. Read and committed to Mr. *Hunt*, Mr. *Fessenden* and Mr. *Whitney*.

The House again took into consideration the schedule of articles to be returned for taking a new valuation of the several towns in this Commonwealth, and reconsidered their vote of yesterday for committing the same. And the House proposed further amendments therein, viz. to delete five columns marked D.

Sent up for concurrence.

A bill, intituled "An act directing the proceedings against forcible entry and detainer." Read the second time, and Thursday next ten o'clock, A. M. assigned for the third reading thereof.

On the petition of *John Bacon*, in behalf of *Elisba Martindale*. A resolve correcting a mistake in a resolve, passed the tenth day of *February*, 1783, as to the quantity of land mentioned therein. Read and passed.

Sent up for concurrence.

The Hon. Mr. *Washburn* brought down a report of the committee of both Houses on the transcript of the letter from the delegates at Congress of the fourth instant, marked E. F. being a resolve for chusing three agents to appear in behalf of the Commonwealth, at Congress, to support their claim to lands mentioned in their petition of *May 27*, 1784, and for allowing five hundred pounds to the said agents to enable them to prosecute the business of their commission. In Senate, *June 23*, 1784. Read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred, as taken into a new draft.

Sent up for concurrence.

The Hon. Mr. *Orr* brought down the schedule of articles to be returned for taking a new valuation, and the last proposed amendments of the House thereon. In Senate, *June 23*, 1784. Read and concurred. The said schedule was then again referred to the committee appointed to bring in a bill, for taking a new valuation of the several towns.

Mr. *Steele* had leave of absence.

A petition from *John Crane* and others, praying for a grant of land on the river *Cobcook*, in the bay of *Passamaquaddy*. Read and committed to Mr. *Sullivan*, Mr. *Patch* and Mr. *Brown* of *Framingham*.

The Hon. Mr. *Nichols* brought down the following order of Senate of this day, viz. That *Caleb Strong* and *John Lowell*, Esq's. with such as the Hon. House shall join, be a committee to consider and report, what part of the land in controversy with the State of *New York*, lying west of *Hudson's* river, it will be expedient to cede to the United States, in case the said lands shall be determined to be the property of this State.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred, as taken into a new draft, the commission of the committee being amended as follows, viz. "To consider and report what part of the lands belonging to this State, on the westward of *Hudson's* river, it will be expedient to cede to the United States," and Mr. *Sullivan*, Mr. *Hofner*, and Mr. *Swan* were joined.

Sent up for concurrence.

The Hon. Mr. *Nichols* brought down the bill, for regulating the choice and services of petit jurors, and the amendments proposed by the House thereon. In Senate, *June 22*, 1784. Read and non-concurred, and the Senate adhere to their own vote.

Sent down.

Read again, and the House re-considered their last vote, and concurred with the Hon. Senate.

Sent up.

A bill, intituled "An act establishing the processes in replevin." Read the third time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

A petition from *Prince West*, praying to be quieted in the possession of certain lands, on paying a reasonable consideration. Read and committed to Mr. *Grant*, Mr. *Hosmer* and Mr. *Greenwood*.

A representation from the Commissary of pensioners, in behalf of *Wm. Parker*, a wounded soldier, as a subject of a pension. Read and committed to the committee on pensions.

The Hon. Mr. *Nichols* brought down a letter from the Hon. *William Baylies*, Esq; resigning his seat as a Senator for the county of *Bristol*, he being chosen register of probate. Read and sent up.

A petition from *Levi Pease*, praying for the exclusive privilege of a stage waggon, from *Boston* to *Harvard*, on certain conditions, for the term of four years. Read and Ordered, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

A petition from *Ezra Clark*, praying for allowance for his service, in transporting a part of the army over *Connecticut* river. Read and Ordered, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

Adjourned to three o'clock, P. M.

Afternoon.

Met according to adjournment.

A Bill, intituled "An act to set off *Samuel Luce*, *Jonathan Snow*, *Edward Wing*, *Admiral Potter* and *Reuben Hows* from the town of *Conway* in the county of *Hampshire*, and annex them to the town of *Goshen*, in said county." Read the third time and passed to be engrossed,

Sent up for concurrence.

A petition from *William Rice* in behalf of the town of *Sudbury*, praying that a fine laid on the said town, for neglecting to chuse a representative for the year 1782, might be remitted. Read and committed to Mr. *Sanger*, Mr. *Whitney* and Mr. *Sargeant*.

A petition from the selectmen of *Pembroke*, praying to be indemnified against the demands of certain persons disaffected to the revolution for their fire arms, which were delivered to the soldiers raised in the said town. Read and committed to Mr. *Robbins*, Mr. *Bancroft* and Mr. *Brown* of *Abington*.

A petition from *Joseph Montague* and *Gideon Moody*, continental soldiers, stating that their wages had been paid to forged orders, and praying for relief. Read and committed to Mr. *Hosmer*, Mr. *Parker* and Mr. *Brewer*.

The Hon. Mr. *Lowell* came down and said that the Senate proposed to come to the choice of one Senator for the county of *Essex*, in the room of the Hon. *Benjamin Goodhue*, Esq; and for one Senator for the county of *Bristol*, in the room of the Hon. *William Baylies*, Esq; who had resigned, at ten o'clock Tuesday morning, and that the Senate had appointed a committee to examine the votes for Senators, and it was found that the Hon. *Aaron Wood*, Esq; and *Peter Coffin*, Esq; were candidates for the county of *Essex*, and *George Godfrey* and *Elijah May*, Esqrs; were candidates for the county of *Bristol*.

Mr. *Dawes* was charged with a message to acquaint the Hon. Senate that the House agreed to the said proposal.

A bill, intituled "An act for incorporating a grant of land, formerly made to Mr. *Cornelius Jones* of ten thousand acres, called by the name of *Myrifiold*, in the county of *Hampshire*, together with other lands adjoining, and the inhabitants thereon, into a seperate town by the name of *Myrifiold*." Read the first time, and Tuesday three o'clock, P. M. assigned for the second reading thereof.

The Hon. Mr. *Freeman* brought down a bill, intituled "An act for obtaining a just and accurate account of the quantity of land within this Commonwealth, granted to, or surveyed for any person, the number of buildings thereon, and of its inhabitants, pursuant to a resolve of Congress, passed the seventeenth day of *February*, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three." In Senate, June 23. 1784. Read the second time, and passed to be engrossed with amendments.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read the first time, and Thursday three o'clock, P. M. assigned for the second reading thereof.

Mr. *Davis* was charged with a message to enquire of the Hon. Senate whether they had passed upon the bill for regulating the naval-offices, or or not : The Hon. Mr. *Strong* came down and said that the Senate had not passed upon the said bill, it being as yet in the hands of a committee.

A bill, intituled "An act regulating the proceedings of proprietors of townships, or new plantations, granted by the General Court." Read the third time, and passed to be engrossed, with amendments.

Sent up for concurrence.

The Hon. Mr. *Freeman* brought down a report of the committee, on the representation of the committee for selling the public lands in the county of *York*, by way of resolve. In Senate. Read and accepted as taken into a new draft.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

The petition of *Thomas Walley* was taken from the files and committed to Mr. *Brown* and others on a similar petition from *J. Simonds*.

Ordered, That Mr. *Robbins*, Mr. *Ely* and Mr. *Titcomb* be a committee to report a bill, providing for the payment of fines recovered for the use of the Commonwealth by justices of the peace, into the public Treasury.

A bill, intituled "An act against duelling." Read the third time, and passed a concurrence to be engrossed with amendment.

Sent up for concurrence.

A petition from *Levi Rawson*, praying for a new trial in an action brought against him by *Jabez Metcalf*, and in which judgment was obtained by the said *Metcalf* by default. Read and committed to Mr. *Grout*, Mr. *Sanger* and Mr. *Mitchel*.

The House assigned Thursday ten o'clock, A. M. for considering of the sum of money to be raised by the tax bill.

Adjourn'd to Thursday nine o'clock, A. M.

Thursday,

THURSDAY, June 24, 1784.

Met according to adjournment.

MR. *Jenkins* and the member from *Freetown* had leave of absence. A representation from *John Lucas*, commissary of pensioners, in behalf of *Josiah Jones*, a wounded soldier. Read and committed to the committee on pensions.

The Hon. Mr. *Fuller* brought down a report of the committee of both Houses, appointed the twenty-second instant, on the resolutions of Congress of the twenty-seventh, twenty-eighth, and twenty-ninth of *April* last, &c. being an opinion "That it was neither practicable nor expedient to apply any part of the tax raised in consequence of the requisitions of Congress for eight millions of dollars, for the purposes of this Commonwealth." And the said committee asked leave to sit again. In Senate, June 23, 1784. Read and not accepted, and thereupon Voted, That it is practicable and expedient to appropriate part of the said tax to the use of the Commonwealth, provided effectual measures be previously taken to comply with the further requisition of Congress on this State.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

The committee on pensions reported a resolve allowing Captain *Samuel Clark*, one eighth part of his pay till further order. Read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

The Hon. Mr. *Sedgwick* brought down a letter from the Hon. *J. Holten*, Esq; dated the twenty-third instant, accepting of his appointment as a delegate to Congress, &c. Read and committed to Mr. *Davis*, Mr. *Sargeant* and Mr. *Putnam*.

Also, A petition from the selectmen of the town of *Palmer*, praying that the bridge in said town might be kept in repair by the county of *Hampshire*, or by the Commonwealth. In Senate, June 24, 1784. Read and committed to *Israel Nichols*, Esq; with such as the House might join.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred, and Mr. *Lethbridge* and Mr. *Taylor* were joined.

Also, A resolve of Senate, directing the notes ordered to be given to *John Tracy*, by the resolve passed on his petition, to bear interest, &c.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

A bill, intituled "An act directing the proceedings against forcible entry and detainer." Read the third time, and passed a concurrence to be engrossed with amendment.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. *Davis* was charged with a message to acquaint the Hon. Senate that the House were ready to proceed to the choice of one Senator for the county of *Essex*, in the room of the Hon. *B. Goodhue*, Esq; and another Senator for the county of *Bristol*, in the room of the Hon. *William Baylies*.

Baylies, Esq; who had resigned, according to assignment, and that the usual seats would be assigned for their members; whereupon the two Houses assembled together in one room, and having elected *Mr. Heath*, *Mr. Fuller*, *Mr. Dawes*, *Mr. Davis* and *Mr. Breck*, a committee to collect the votes, proceeded to the choice of a Senator for the county of *Essex* by joint ballot. The committee reported that the whole number of votes were 144, that the Hon. *Aaron Wood*, Esq; was chosen by 139. Which report was accepted, and the Houses proceeded to the choice of a Senator for the county of *Bristol*, and the committee reported that the whole number of votes were 156, and that *Elisha May*, Esq; had 105 and was chosen. Which report was accepted, and the Houses separated.

The committee appointed to bring in a bill for taking a new valuation of the several towns in this Commonwealth, reported a bill, intitled "An act for enquiring into the rateable property of this Commonwealth." Which bill was read the first time, and Friday ten o'clock, A. M. assigned for the second reading thereof.

A bill, intitled "An act to alter and establish the boundaries betwixt the town of *Harvard* and the district of *Boxbury*." Was brought in by leave, and being read the first time, Friday next three o'clock, P. M. was assigned for the second reading thereof.

A petition from *Juniper Barthiaume*, instructor to the *Penobscot* tribe of Indians, praying for his pay for the year past. Read and committed to *Mr. Winter*, *Mr. Fairbanks* and *Mr. Carnes*, who were directed to consider of the expediency of discharging the petitioner from the service aforesaid.

The committee on the representation of *J. Lucas*, commissary of pensioners in behalf of *William Parker*, reported that the same should lie for want of evidence. Report accepted, and Ordered, That said representation lie accordingly.

The Hon. *Mr. Turner* brought down an order of Senate, of this day, directing the Secretary to notify the gentlemen chosen Senators this morning, of their elections respectively.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

The committee on the petition of *Benjamin Edes*, reported by way of resolve. Read and not accepted, and thereupon Ordered, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

A bill, intitled "An act for obtaining a just and accurate account of the quantity of land within this Commonwealth, granted to or surveyed for any person, the number of buildings thereon, and of its inhabitants, pursuant to a resolve of Congress, passed the seventeenth day of *February*, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three." Read the second time, and Friday eleven o'clock, A. M. assigned for the third reading thereof.

The House proceeded according to assignment to consider the sum necessary to be raised by the tax bill, and after debate it was Ordered, That *Mr. Sullivan*, *Mr. Robbins*, *Mr. Hosmer*, *Mr. Swan* and *Mr. Davis*, be a committee to wait on his Excellency the Governor, and request of him to communicate to the House any letter he may have received touching

the finances of the United States ; an injunction was laid on the members not to divulge the contents of such papers as might be received. The committee reported that they had delivered the message. The secretary brought down a letter to his Excellency the Governor, from his Excellency the President of Congress, dated *Annapolis, April 1, 1784.*

The House ordered the galleries to be shut in the afternoon, and the reading of the letter was postponed to that time.

Adjourned to three o'clock, P.M.

Afternoon.

Met according to adjournment.

THE Hon. Mr. *Freeman* brought down a petition from the Court of general sessions of the peace in the county of *Cumberland*, praying for payment of certain accounts therein mentioned. *In Senate, June 24, 1784.* Read and *Ordered*, That this petition and accounts accompanying, be committed to the committee on accounts for examination and allowance. Sent down for concurrence.

Read and non-concurred.

The House re-considered their vote of the 7th instant, on the petition of *John Tudor*, and committed the same to the committee on accounts for examination and allowance. Sent up for concurrence.

A petition from *Andrew Gardner*, administrator on the estate of *Robert Gardner*, deceased, praying for payment of his account for dockage and wharfage of a brigantine and sloop taken into the governmental service. Read and committed to the same committee.

Sent up for concurrence.

The House took up the letter from the President of Congress communicated by the Governor this day, and the same being read, after debate, it was *Ordered*, That *Mr. Dane, Mr. Greenwood, Mr. Stearns, Mr. Phillips, and M. Smead*, be a committee to consider and report how much of the Continental tax already granted can be appropriated to the particular use of the State, and when the same shall be replaced and also what other sums will be necessary to be raised for the exigences of the present year.

The committee on the petition of the major part of the towns in the county of *Plymouth*, reported that the expediency of removing the General Court out of the town of *Boston*, be now considered by this House, and all other matters that are contained in said petition be referred to the next session of the General Court for consideration. Which report was read and accepted, and it was then made a question "Whether it was expedient that the General Court should be removed from the town of *Boston*?" and the same being put it passed in the negative.

The committee on the petition of the town of *Great-Barrington*, reported a resolve granting the prayer thereof. Read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. *Leighton* had leave of absence.

Adjourn'd to Friday, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Friday

F R I D A Y, June 25, 1784.

Met according to adjournment.

THE members from *Reading* and *Townshend* had leave of a bſence.

The committee on the petition of *Levi Rawſon*, reported a reſolve for notifying *Jabez Metcalf* to ſhew cauſe, &c. on the ſecond Wednesday of next ſeſſion, and for ſtaying execution in the mean time. Read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

By return from the town of *Northampton*, it appeared that they had made choice of the Hon. *Caleb Strong*, Eſq; and Dr. *Ebenezer Hunt*, to repreſent them the preſent year.

The committee on the petition of the town of *Rochefter*, reported a reſolve directing the Treafurer to receive of them the balance due for beef taxes, in money of the old and new emissions of Continental bills. Read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

The committee on the petition of *Juniper Barthiaume*, reported verbally, that he was diſcharged as inſtructor of the *Penobſcot* tribe of Indians by reſolve of June 5, 1783, and that it was not expedient again to employ the ſaid *Barthiaume*, and that he ſhould have leave to withdraw his petition. Which report was accepted, and *Ordered*. That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition accordingly.

The Hon. Mr. *Turner* came down and ſaid that the Senate requested that the Houſe would ſend up the Hon. *Eliſha May*, Eſq; yeſterday choſen Senator for the county of *Briſtol*; a committee of five were choſen to conduct that gentleman to the Hon. Senate, and at his requeſt a precept was ordered to be iſſued to the town of *Attleborough* to chuſe one perſon to repreſent them in his room if they ſhould ſee cauſe. The committee reported that they had attended the ſervice. A precept was iſſued to the town of *Attleborough* agreeably to the above order.

The Hon. Mr. *Fuller* brought down a reſolve of the Houſe of the 17th inſtant, explaining the reſolve of the 17th inſtant, for limiting the time of consolidating governmental ſecurities. In Senate, June 25, 1784. Read and concurred with amendment.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred with a further amendment.

Sent up for concurrence.

The Hon. Mr. *Stone* brought down the reſolve of the Houſe paſſed this morning, on the petition of *Levi Rawſon*. In Senate, Read and concurred with amendment.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

The committee on the letter from the Hon. *S. Holten*, Eſq; of the 23d inſtant, reported a reſolve for paying to each of the delegates to Congreſs two hundred pounds, on their proceeding in the buſineſs of their appointment, they to be accountable. Read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

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A bill, intituled "An act for enquiring into the rateable property of this Commonwealth." Read the second time, and *Voted*, That the fourteenth article in the rules and orders of the House be dispensed with in this instance, and that three o'clock, P. M. be assigned for the third reading of the said bill.

The committee appointed to consider and report how much of the Continental tax already granted can be appropriated to the particular use of this Commonwealth, &c. made report, which being read, three o'clock, P. M. was assigned for considering the same. An injunction was laid on the members to give punctual attendance at the hour of adjournment, and the House

Adjourned to three o'clock, P. M.

Afternoon.

Met according to adjournment.

THE Hon. Mr. *Baker* brought down a bill, intituled "An act granting to *Simon Willard* the exclusive privilege of making and vending clock jacks for five years." *In Senate, June 25, 1784.* Read the second time, and passed to be engrossed,

Sent down for concurrence.

The Hon. Mr. *Wells* brought down the Treasurer's accounts, and the order of the House thereon, of the 25th instant. "*In Senate, June 25, 1784.* Read and non-concurred and *Ordered*, That *Ebenezer Bridge* and *William Heath*, Esqrs; with such as the Hon. House shall join, be a committee to examine the foregoing accounts, and also the state of the treasury, and report as soon as may be."

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred, and Mr. *Clarke*, Mr. *Thurston* and Mr. *Putnam* were joined.

A bill, intituled "An act for enquiring into the rateable property of this Commonwealth." Read the third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

The member from *Berkley* had leave of absence.

An engrossed bill, intituled "An act for regulating the choice of petit jurors." This bill having had three several readings, passed to be enacted.

A petition from *Michael Jackson*, late Colonel of the 8th *Massachusetts* regiment, stating that payment had been made to him on the notes given for his services, by orders on the collectors of taxes, which he could not get satisfied, and praying that the Treasurer might be empowered to receive them back and give him orders on a collector of excise in lieu thereof. Read and *Ordered*, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

The Hon. Mr. *Orr* brought down the bill for compelling receivers of public monies to account. *In Senate, June 25, 1784.* Read the second time, and passed a concurrence to be engrossed with amendments.

Sent down for concurrence.

The House proceeded "to consider the report of the committee, appointed to consider how much of the Continental tax already granted, can be appropriated to the particular use of this Commonwealth, &c. and after debate, the question was put "Whether a tax should be issued upon the polls and estates of the inhabitants of this Commonwealth, for the sum of £.200,000 ? and passed in the negative. The question was then put for 100,000, and passed in the negative also. It was then made a question whether any tax should be issued on the polls and estates of the inhabitants of this Commonwealth, the present session of the General Court ? and the same being put, passed in the affirmative, 123 members present, yeas 72. The House then postponed the further consideration of the said report to the morning, having enjoined a punctual attendance upon the members.

Adjourn'd to Saturday morning, 8 o'clock, A. M.

SATURDAY, June 26, 1784.

Met according to adjournment.

THE committee on the petition of the inhabitants of *Brookfield*, praying for a lottery, reported verbally, that said petition should be referred to the next session of the General Court. Report accepted, and *Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to the next session accordingly.

The committee appointed to consider the expediency of putting the Treasurer and Commissary-General under bonds, reported a resolve directing the Secretary to prepare such bonds in the sum of thirty thousand pounds for the Treasurer, and eight thousand pounds for the Commissary-General, and lay them before this Court for their approbation. Read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

The Hon. Mr. *Wells* brought down the bill "for establishing naval-offices in this Commonwealth." *In Senate, June 25, 1784.* Read the second time, and passed a concurrence to be engrossed as taken into a new draft.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

Also, a report of the committee of both Houses on the petition of sundry towns in the counties of *Hampshire* and *Worcester*, praying to be erected into a new county. Being an order for notifying the several towns in the said counties to shew cause, &c. on the second Wednesday of the next session. *In Senate, June 25, 1784.* Read and not accepted, and thereupon *Ordered*, That this petition be referred to the next session of the General Court for further consideration.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

Also, the resolve of the House of the twelfth instant, on the petition of *Judab Williams*. *In Senate, June 26, 1784.* Read and concurred as taken into a new draft.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

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A petition from *Adonijah Rice*, as heir to his son, a soldier who died in the army, stating that his wages had been paid to a forged order and he thereby deprived of his right, and praying that some order might be taken in his favor. Read and ordered to lie.

The House again proceeded to consider the report of the committee appointed "to consider how much of the Continental tax already granted, can be appropriated to the particular use of this Commonwealth, &c

The Hon. Mr. *Heath* came down and said that the Senate had directed the committee on their part to confer on the impost bill, to sit immediately, and that they requested the House to lay a similar injunction on the committee on their part. Mr. *Phillips* was charged with a message to acquaint the Hon. Senate that a question of importance being in debate, the House did not think it proper to lay the injunction requested. After debate, the question was put whether a tax should be issued on the polls and estates of the inhabitants of this Commonwealth for the sum of £.200,000, and passed in the negative. The question was then tried for the said sum making the army notes payable in the years 1784 and 1785, to be received in discharge of the said tax, and including in the said sum the tax issued for £.37,000 by the Treasurer's warrants? and passed in the negative likewise, 89 members voting against 46. The question was then tried for £.150,000 including the said tax, which also passed in the negative, sixty one members voting against fifty four. The question was then tried for the sum of £.140,000, including the said tax? which passed in the affirmative, 120 votes, yeas 66. Ordered, That Mr. *Robbins*, Mr. *Thatcher* and Mr. *Smead*, be a committee to bring in a bill to enable the Treasurer to borrow £.60,000, or more in soldiers notes, payable in the years 1784 and 1785, on loan. It was then Voted, That the tax aforesaid be receivable in the army notes, due in the years 1784 and 1785, and as government presume the remainder of those notes will be received for the unlocated lands, a clause be brought in to prevent the Treasurer issuing his warrants to redeem the army notes due in the year 1785 into the tax bill.

The Hon. Mr. *Fuller* brought down the bill against duelling, and the proposed amendment of the House thereon. In Senate, June 26, 1784. Read and non-concurred. Sent down.

Read again, and the House reconsidered their last vote, and concurred with the Hon. Senate.

The Hon. Mr. *Strong* brought down a petition from *Moses Fitch*, praying allowance for his expence and loss of time occasioned by a wound received in a battle at the *White Plains*, in the year 1776, with a resolve of Senate granting him fifteen pounds nineteen shillings and four pence, to be charged to the United States.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and ordered to lie.

The Hon. Mr. *Freeman* brought down the additional bill, for support and maintenance of light-houses. In Senate, June 26, 1784. This bill having had two several readings passed a concurrence to be engrossed with amendments.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred, as taken into a new draft.

Sent up for concurrence.

Also, the bill for naturalizing *Thomas Robison*. In Senate, June 26, 1784. This bill having had two several readings passed a concurrence to be engrossed with amendments.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

The Hon. Mr. *Bridge* brought down the resolve of the House of the twenty-third instant, on the petition of *John Bacon*, in behalf of *Elisba Martindale*. In Senate, June 26, 1784. Read and concurred with amendment.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

The committee of the House of the nineteenth instant, on the petition of *Cheney Reid* and that of *Timothy Childs* and others, reported it as their opinion that the House should not concur with the vote of the Hon. Senate of the fourth instant on the petition of the said *Childs* and others. Which report being debated, and the question of concurrence with the Hon. Senate in the said vote being tried, it passed in the negative.

Mr. *Brown* of *Abington* and Mr. *Potter* had leave of absence.

Adjourn'd to Monday 10 o'clock, A. M.

M O N D A Y, June 28, 1784.

Met according to adjournment.

THE committee on the petition of *Nabum Taft*, reported an order for notifying *Ebenezer Grosvenor* to shew cause, &c. on the second Wednesday of next session. Read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

The committee on the petition of *Joseph Mountague* and *Gideon Moody*, reported a resolve allowing them six pounds, thirteen shillings and four pence, in full for their service as stated in their petition. Read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

A petition from *John Hovey* and others, a committee of the first parish in *Bradford*, stating that the said parish had duly made choice of *Samuel Trask* as a collector of taxes, who by neglecting to take the oath of his office, had become incapable of executing the same, and praying that he might be established in the said office, the said omission notwithstanding. Read and committed to Mr. *Hobbs*, Mr. *Singleary*, and Mr. *Parker*.

The Hon. Mr. *Fuller* brought down the bill for regulating seamen. In Senate, June 26, 1784. Read the second time, and passed a concurrence to be engrossed with amendments.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

A petition from the selectmen of *Holliston*, praying that the fine laid on them for neglecting to send a representative, might be remitted. Read and committed to Mr. *Chamberlin*, Mr. *Bullock* and Mr. *Perry*.

A bill, intituled "An act granting to *Simon Willard* the exclusive privilege of

of making and vending clock jacks for five years." Read the first time, and Tuesday next, 3 o'clock P. M. assigned for the second reading thereof.

A petition from *Atwood Fales*, stating certain losses suffered by him thro' his exertions for his country, and praying for some compensation. Read and committed to the committee appointed the 28th day of *October* last, to do certain business in the county of *Lincoln*.

Sent up for concurrence.

A petition from *Juniper Berthiaume*, of a similar nature to that from the petitioner acted upon by the House on the 25th instant. Read and thereupon *Ordered*, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

The committee on the petition of the town of *Stockbridge*, reported a resolve granting the prayer thereof. Read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

The committee on the petition of *Wm. Rice*, in behalf of the town of *Sudbury*, reported a resolve, abating them one half the fine laid on them for not sending a Representative. Read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

The Hon. Mr. *Orr* brought down the bill prescribing forms of writs in civil causes, &c. with the proposed amendments of the House thereon. In Senate, June 28, 1784. Read and concurred in part, and the Senate proposed a further amendment.

Sent down for concurrence.

A representation from the committee for stating and methodizing the public accounts, requesting the directions of the court relative to the accounts of the committee on absentees estates in the county of *Berkshire*. Read and committed to Mr. *Robbins*, Mr. *A. Coffin* and Mr. *Dwight*.

On motion, *Ordered*, That a precept be issued to the town of *Machias*, incorporated by an act passed the present session of the General Court, to chuse one or more persons to represent them in the said Court the present year, according to the constitution.

The committee on the petition of the selectmen of *Springfield*, reported verbally, and the said petition was referred to the committee on the tax bill.

The House took up the additional impost and excise bill, and the committee of conference on the amendment in difference between the two Houses, having reported, the House re-considered their last vote on said bill, as to the amendment marked C, and concurred with the Hon. Senate.

Sent up.

The Hon. Mr. *Stone* brought down a report of the committee of both Houses, on the petition of *H. Knox*, Esq; by way of a resolve, directing the judge of Probate for the county of *Suffolk*, to grant him letters of agency on the estate of the late *Thomas Flucker*, Esq; an absentee. In Senate read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

Adjourned to three o'clock, P. M.

Afternoon.

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Met according to adjournment.

A Petition from *Benjamin and Ebenezer Saxton*, praying payment for an horse that was lost in the public service. Read and ordered to lie with petitions of a similar nature.

The committee on the petition of *Prince West*, reported verbally, that the same be referred for consideration to the next session of the General Court. Report accepted, and Ordered, that the said petition be referred accordingly.

A bill, intituled "An act to alter and establish the boundaries betwixt the town of *Harvard* and the district of *Boxbury*." Read the second time, and Tuesday three o'clock, P. M. assigned for the third reading thereof.

The committee appointed to bring in a tax bill, reported a bill, intituled "An act for apportioning and assessing a tax of one hundred and forty thousand pounds, for the sole purpose of redeeming the army notes issued pursuant to an act of this State, passed the fifth day of *July*, 1784, and payable in the years 1784 and 1785." Which bill was read the first time, and Tuesday ten o'clock, A. M. assigned for the second reading thereof. The said bill was then recommitted for the purpose of the representatives pay due from the several towns, being inserted in the same.

The accounts of the administrator of *Henry Gardner*, Esq; late Treasurer, with the Commonwealth, were laid on the table and read. Thereupon Ordered, That the said accounts be committed to *Mr. Swan*, *Mr. Richmond* and *Mr. Greenwood*, with such as the Hon. Senate may join, to consider and report what may be proper to be done thereon.

Sent up for concurrence.

The committee on the petition of *Oliver Witt* and that of *Daniel Witt*, reported verbally, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petitions respectively. Report accepted and thereupon Ordered, That the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petitions accordingly.

A representation from *John Lucas*, commissary of pensioners, in behalf of Captain *John Slewman*, who was wounded in the service. Read and committed to the committee on pensions.

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to sell the lands belonging to the Commonwealth, lying in the county of *Berkshire*, and that *Mr. Robbins*, *Mr. Phelps* and *Mr. Davis*, be a committee to draft a commission for that purpose.

Ordered, That *Mr. Ashley*, *Mr. Grout* and *Mr. Dwight*, be a committee to consider and report what measures may be proper to be taken for commemorating the event of American independence the present year, and on what day.

Mr. Robbins was charged with a message to enquire of the Hon. Senate whether they had received any communications from his Excellency the Governor relative to the British encroachments on the eastern parts of this Commonwealth.

The Hon. Mr. *Turner* came down and said that the Senate had not received any such communications. It was thereupon *Ordered*, That Mr. *Sullivan*, Mr. *Robbins* and Mr. *Davis*, be a committee to wait on his Excellency the Governor and request of him to communicate any information he may have received relative to the encroachments aforesaid.

The Hon. Mr. *Fuller* brought down a report of the committee of both Houses on the petition of Colonel *John Allan*, that the same be committed to the committee for methodizing and stating public accounts to settle, with the following order of Senate thereon, *viz.* In Senate, June 28, 1784. Read and accepted, and thereupon *Ordered*, That the accounts mentioned in the said petition be referred to the committee appointed for methodizing and stating public accounts ; who are hereby authorized and empowered to settle the said accounts with Colonel *John Allan*, agreeable to justice, and charge the same to the United States.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

A resolve appointing Mr. *Aaron Whitney* and Dr. *John Manning*, with such as the Hon. Senate might join, a committee to repair to, and view the circumstances of *New-Castle*, and other towns in the county of *Lincoln*, and report. Read and passed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourn'd to Tuesday, 9 o'clock, A. M.

T U E S D A Y, June 29, 1784.

Met according to adjournment.

AN engrossed bill, intituled "An act for naturalizing *Thomas Robison*." This bill having had three several readings passed to be enacted.

The member from *Westminster* had leave of absence.

The House assigned Thursday, ten o'clock, A. M. for coming to the choice of naval officers and notaries public for the several ports in this State, if agreeable to the Hon. Senate, and Mr. *Davis* was charged with a message to inform them thereof.

The Hon. Mr. *Tufts* came down and said that the assignment was agreed to by the Senate.

An engrossed bill, intituled "An act for regulating bail in civil actions." This bill having had three several readings passed to be enacted.

An engrossed bill, intituled "An act directing the proceedings against forcible entry and detainer." This bill having had three several readings passed to be enacted.

The Hon. Mr. *Fuller* brought down the resolve of the House of the first instant on the petition of *Ephraim Fairbanks*, Esq. In Senate, June 28, 1784. Read and concurred with amendment.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

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Also, a report of the committee of both Houses on the petition of *John Graft*, being an opinion that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition. In Senate, June 28, 1784. Read and not accepted.

Also, A resolve of Senate on said petition directing the committee for settling with the army to consolidate the bounty of three hundred dollars promised to non-commissioned officers and soldiers, by resolve of October 5, 1779, and to return a certificate to the Governor and Council, in cases where it has not been paid, in order for payment.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

Also, The bill for preventing damage to lands, tenements, &c. In Senate, June 28, 1784. Read the second time, and passed a concurrence to be engrossed, as taken into a new draft.

Sent down for concurrence.

The committee appointed yesterday to wait on his Excellency the Governor, reported that they had attended that service.

A resolve on the petition of *Benjamin Convers*, empowering the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court, to enter his appeal in an action therein mentioned, at their session in the county of *Worcester*, on the third Tuesday of September next. Read and passed.

Sent up for concurrence.

A resolve empowering and directing the committee on absentees estates, (excepting those of the counties of *York*, *Cumberland* and *Lincoln*,) to make sale of the confiscated lands lying in the same, for governmental securities, at public auction. Read and passed.

Sent up for concurrence.

A bill, intituled "An act for obtaining a just and accurate account of the quantity of land within this Commonwealth, granted to, or surveyed for any person, the number of buildings thereon, and of its inhabitants, pursuant to a resolve of Congress, passed the 17th day of February, 1783." Read the third time, and passed a concurrence to be engrossed.

The House took up the bill for compelling public agents and others, to account, and the amendments of Senate thereon. Read and non-concurred, and after debate, it was Ordered, That Mr. *Sullivan* and Mr. *Rowe*, be a committee on the part of the House, to confer with such committee as the Hon. Senate may appoint, on the subject matter of the difference of the two Houses on the said bill.

Sent up for concurrence.

A message was sent to the Hon. Senate, to request them to send down the petition of *William Lithgow, jun. Esq.* in behalf of the county of *Lincoln*, which was brought down accordingly. The House then reconsidered their vote of the nineteenth instant committing the same to a committee of both Houses, and Mr. *Robbins*, Mr. *Farmer* and Mr. *Davis*, of *Charlton*, were appointed a committee to consider the said petition, and report.

The committee on the petition of *John Crane* and others, reported by way of resolve. Read and not accepted, and thereupon Ordered, That the said petition be committed to the committee appointed by a re-nate

resolve of the twenty-eighth of *October* last on certain business in the county of *Lincoln*.

Mr. *Robbins* was charged with a message to enquire of the Hon. Senate whether the committee of both Houses for considering the best mode of selling the eastern lands had reported. The Hon. Mr. *Lowell* came down and said that the said committee had made report which the Senate had accepted with amendments, and that the same were transcribing in order to be sent down to the House.

It being represented to the House that *John Crane* and others requested to withdraw their petition, the last order for committing the same was reconsidered and it was *Ordered*, That the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition accordingly.

Adjourned to three o'clock, P. M.

Afternoon.

Met according to adjournment.

ORDERED, That a chair be assigned for the Hon. *George Partridge*, Esq; a delegate of this Commonwealth to Congress whenever he may incline to attend the debates of the House.

The committee appointed to report a commission for the committee to sell the unappropriated lands of this Commonwealth, lying within the county of *Berkshire*, reported a resolve for that purpose. Read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

A bill, intituled "An act granting to *Simon Willard* the exclusive privilege of making and vending clock-jacks for five years. Read the second time, and five o'clock this afternoon assigned for the third reading thereof.

By return from the town of *Lancaster*, it appeared that they had made choice of *John Sprague*, Esq; to represent them the present year, who was duly qualified and took his seat accordingly.

The Hon. Mr. *Turner* brought down the report of the committee appointed to consider what public business is necessary to be acted upon in the present sessions of the General Court.

Read and sent up.

Ordered, That the Secretary lay before the House the petition of *Judah Williams*, and the resolve thereon. Which the secretary laid before the House accordingly.

The Hon. Mr. *Warner* brought down a report of the committee of both Houses on that part of the Governor's message which related to the unappropriated lands belonging to the Commonwealth, in the eastern parts. And a resolve of Senate of the 24th instant, directing the mode of laying the same out for townships, &c.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and non-concurred, and Mr. *Sullivan*, Mr. *Robbins*, Mr. *Varnum*,
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Mr. Grout and Mr. Sprague, were appointed a committee to consider what further measures may be most proper to be taken respecting the object of the said resolve.

The committee on the petition of *Mary Wheelwright*, reported verbally, that the consideration of said petition be referred to the next session of the General Court. Report accepted and ordered accordingly.

Ordered, That Mr. Robbins and Mr. Sullivan, with such as the Hon. Senate may join, be a committee to consider what further measures are necessary to be taken relative to the British encroachments on the eastern parts of this State, and report.

Sent up for concurrence.

The committee on the tax bill, reported the same, being amended in the title to read as follows, *viz.* "An act for apportioning and assessing a tax of one hundred and forty-thousand pounds, for the sole purpose of redeeming the army notes issued pursuant to an act of this State of the fifth day of July, 1781, and payable in the years 1784 and 1785, and for raising eleven thousand and twenty-three pounds, nineteen shillings and six pence, for the purpose of paying the House of Representatives the five last sessions, *viz.* from March, 1782 to March, 1784." Which was read the second time, and Wednesday next three o'clock, P. M. assigned for the third reading thereof.

Mr. Singletary, Mr. Fairbanks and Mr. Hobbs, were then appointed a committee to consider of the expediency of fining the towns deficient in sending representatives the last year.

A bill, intituled "An act granting to *Simon Willard*, the exclusive privilege of making and vending clock-jacks for five years." Read the third time, and passed a concurrence to be engrossed.

Adjourn'd to Wednesday, nine o'clock, A. M.

W E D N E S D A Y, June 30, 1784.

Met according to adjournment.

THE committee on the petition of a number of the inhabitants and proprietors of *Stockbridge*, reported a resolve for appointing a committee to view the premises, and report. Read and accepted, and Voted, That the blank, in said resolve, be filled with the names of *Nathaniel Kingsley*, and *Thompson J. Skinner*, Esq's; with such as the Hon. Senate may join.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Johnson and Mr. Smith, of *Hadley*, had leave of absence.

The Hon. Mr. Orr, brought down the bill for enquiring into the rateable property of this Commonwealth. In Senate, June 30, 1784. Read and concurred with amendments.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

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Also, a report of the committee of both Houses, on the petition of Phillip White, and the answer thereto, by way of resolve. In Senate, June 30, 1784. Read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and non-concurred.

The Secretary brought down the following message from his Excellency the Governor viz.

Gentlemen of the Senate, and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives :

A Severe indisposition has prevented my answering your late message so early as I wished to have done it.

Such information as I have been able to obtain respecting the encroachments made by the subjects of his Majesty the King of Great-Britain upon the eastern territory of this Commonwealth I shall communicate to you.

Upon the eastern parts of this State are situate two Rivers, known formerly to the natives by the names of the Passamaquady and the Schooduck, the former I take to be the River, long known by the name of the St. Croix, and which I conceive to have been that which the Commissioners of America and Great-Britain had in view as the eastern boundary of this State, when they signed the treaty of peace between the two nations. Since which a number of the subjects of the King of Great-Britain have taken possession of the land on the Western side of said River, and still continue there under the direction of the British Government. I shall as soon as possible, according to the request of Congress, write to his Excellency the Governor of Nova-Scotia, complaining of this injury done to this Commonwealth, against the letter of the late treaty, concluded between these States and his Majesty the British King, and shall explicitly request him to cause those persons to be removed.---When I shall receive his answer, I will forward a copy immediately to the committee of the United States, appointed to sit in the recess of Congress; and shall make communications to the two Houses, of the information which I shall be able to obtain. As this is a matter which affects the interest of this, as well as the honor of the United States, I shall pay every possible attention to it.

JOHN HANCOCK.

Boston, June 29, 1784.

Read and committed to the committee of both Houses, appointed yesterday to consider what further measures are necessary to be taken relative to the British encroachments on the eastern parts of this State, to consider and report what may be proper to be done thereon.

Sent up for concurrence.

The Hon. Mr. Turner brought down a report of the committee on the transcript of the letter from the delegates at Congress, dated the 4th instant, marked E. F. being a resolve directing the secretary to deliver such papers as may be useful to the commissioners to be appointed to support the claim of this Commonwealth to lands mentioned in their petition to Congress, of the twenty-seventh of May last; and for allowing

ing five hundred pounds to the said agents, to enable them to prosecute the business of their commission, they to be accountable. *In Senate, June 30, 1784.*

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

The House again took up the resolve on the petition of *Judab Williams*, and proposed a further amendment therein, to the Hon. Senate.

Sent up for concurrence.

A petition from *Reuben Hinman*, in behalf of the town of *Adams*, praying to be enabled to avail themselves of certain lands, reserved in a grant for the use of the minister, &c. in said town, but which was not set off. Read and committed to *Mr. Skinner*, *Mr. Williams* and *Mr. Patch*.

The Hon. *Mr. Turner* brought down a petition from the congregational society in the town of *Charlton*, praying to be empowered to assess taxes for support of their minister. *In Senate, June 29, 1784.* Read and committed with a similar memorial from the same petitioners, to *Samuel Baker, Esq;* with such as the House might join.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred, and *Mr. Sprague* and *Mr. Bancroft* were joined.

Adjourned to 3 o'clock P. M.

Afternoon.

Met according to adjournment.

THE Hon. *Mr. Washburn* brought down the following order of Senate, viz. *In Senate, June 30, 1784.* Ordered, That *Caleb Strong* and *John Lowell, Esq's.* with such as the Hon. House may join, be a committee to confer with the Hon. *Mr. Jefferson*, one of the Commissioners of the United States, for settling treaties of commerce, and give him such information relative to the territory and trade of this State, as he may wish to have, and may be useful to this, and the United States.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred, and *Mr. Speaker*, *Mr. Phillips* and *Mr. Rowe* were joined.

Also, A resolve of Congress, of *June 28, 1784*, relative to questions proposed by the Commissioner for settling the accounts of the State of *Pennsylvania*, with the United States.

Read and sent up.

An engrossed bill, intitled "An act against duelling." This bill, having had three several readings, passed to be enacted.

A petition from *David Low* and *George Hufsey*, praying for a new trial in a case therein mentioned. Read and committed to *Mr. Dane*, *Mr. Clarke* and *Mr. March*.

The committee on the pay-roll, requested the sense of the House, as to the time to which the same should be made up, and the rate at which they were to allow the members for their travel and attendance, and it was

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Ordered, That the said roll be made up to next Wednesday inclusively, and that the said committee consider of a suitable sum to be allowed to the members of the Hon. Council, Senate and House of Representatives, for their services aforesaid, and report.

Ordered, That Mr. *Varnum*, Mr. *Singletary* and Mr. *Hobbs*, be a committee to consider ways and means for obtaining monies for paying the members of the General Court for their travel and attendance the present session, and report.

A bill, intituled "An act for apportioning and assessing a tax of one hundred and forty-thousand pounds for the sole purpose of redeeming the army notes, issued pursuant to an act of this State, passed the fifth day of *July*, 1781, and payable in the years 1784 and 1785, and for raising eleven thousand and twenty three pounds, nineteen shillings and six pence for the purpose of paying the House of Representatives the five last sessions, *viz.* from *November*, 1782 to *March*, 1784." Read the third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

The Hon. Mr. *Sedgwick*, brought down a report of the committee of both Houses on the petition of *David Nye*, "That the further consideration of the said petition be referred to the next sitting of the General Court." In Senate, *June 30*, 1784. Read and accepted and thereupon *Ordered*, That the further consideration of said petition, be referred accordingly.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

The committee appointed to consider what measures are proper to be taken for commemorating the event of American independence, reported a resolve, that the legislature, preceeded by his Excellency the Governor and the Hon. Council, will proceed to public worship, on Monday next, ten o'clock, A. M. &c. Read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

An engrossed bill, intituled "An act to enable the inhabitants of the town of *Long-Meadow*, to lay out and confirm high-ways in the said town, at any legal meeting, before the sixth day of *November*, seventeen hundred and eighty-four." This bill having had three several readings, passed to be enacted.

Mr. *Sullivan* was charged with a message to enquire of the Hon. Senate, whether they had passed upon the engrossed bill, for vesting certain powers in Congress." The Hon. Mr. *Tufts* came down and said that the Senate had not passed upon the said bill.

An engrossed bill, intituled "An act for establishing naval-offices in this Commonwealth. Read, and Mr. *Sullivan* was charged with a message to propose to the Hon. Senate, to dele the words "*Casco-Bay*," in the sixth line therein, and to insert "the county of *Cumberland*"; to dele the words "and the islands of *Martha's Vineyard*," and insert "*Edgartown* and *Sherburne* in the county of *Nantucket*" in the same line; and in the twenty-second line, to add the word "the" before the word "Lord's." The Hon. Mr. *Strong* came down and said that the Senate agreed to the said

said proposals, excepting, to dele the word "and" in the sixth line, and they proposed to expunge the word "*Nantucket*." The said amendments being accordingly made in the bill, the same passed to be enacted.

An engrossed bill, intituled "An act in addition to, and for the explanation of an act, intituled an act laying duties of impost and excise, on certain goods, wares and merchandize, therein described, and for repealing the several laws heretofore made for that purpose." This bill, having had three several readings, passed to be enacted.

The committee appointed to consider of a suitable allowance for the travel and attendance of the members of the General Court, reported a resolve allowing eight shillings *per diem*, to the members of the Hon. Council, seven shillings and six pence to those of the Senate, and seven shillings to those of the House of Representatives. Read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

A petition from *Jacob Sheafe*, and others, merchants, belonging to *Portsmouth*, in the State of *New-Hampshire*, praying that certain bonds given by them to the Collector of Excise, for the payment of duties agreeably to the impost act, might be ordered to be given up for reasons therein stated. Read and committed to Mr. *Davis*, Mr. *P. Coffin*, and Mr. *Greenwood*.

The committee on the petition of the town of *Holliston*, reported a resolve for abating them one third part of their fine, for neglecting to send a Representative in the years 1781 and 1782.

Read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

On a representation from the Court of Sessions, for the county of *Berkshire*, a resolve granting a tax of fifteen hundred pounds, to be raised from the several towns therein, for the use of the same.

Read and passed.

Sent up for concurrence.

A petition from the sugar boilers of the town of *Boston*, relative to the duty on loaf sugar. Read and ordered to lie.

The Hon. Mr. *Stone* brought down a report of the committee of both Houses appointed to revise the act passed the last session of the General Court, intituled "An act for repealing two laws of this State, and for asserting the right of this free and sovereign Commonwealth, to expel such aliens as may be dangerous to the peace and good order of government," being a bill, intituled an act in addition to the act aforesaid, with the following order of Senate thereon, *viz.* In Senate, June 30, 1784. Read and (as the Senate are now engaged in attending to the tax bill, and other important matters, they judge it would expedite the business of the General Court, if the House should now consider it, if they think proper) sent down to the Hon. House. Read the first time, and Thursday 10 o'clock, A. M. assigned for the second reading thereof.

Adjourn'd to Thursday, nine o'clock, A. M.

THURSDAY, July 1, 1784.

Met according to adjournment.

ORDERED, That Mr. *Chamberlin*, Mr. *Thompson* and Mr. *Nye*, be a committee to ascertain the terms of printing a suitable number of schedules, agreeable to the valuation bill, to be sent to the several towns, and report.

A petition from *James Perry*, praying to be allowed for boarding certain Indians. Read, and committed to Mr. *Fairbanks*, Mr. *Curtis* and Mr. *Brown* of *Lexington*.

The House re-considered their vote of the 28th ult. on the petition of *Daniel Witt*, giving him leave to withdraw his petition, and ordered the same to be committed to Mr. *Sprague*, Mr. *Fairbanks*, and Mr. *Hofmer*.

The Hon. Mr. *Sedgwick* brought down the bill for establishing naval offices, and said that the Senate proposed to add to the title of the said bill, the words "and for repealing laws for that purpose," and in the last line to dele the words "there be," and in the same line, after the word *office*, to insert the words "Be and hereby is." Mr. *Davis* was charged with a message to acquaint the Hon. Senate, that the House agreed to the said proposals.

The Hon. Mr. *Turner* brought down the additional impost and excise bill, and said, that the Senate proposed, that a seal affixed to the said bill, should be taken off. Mr. *Sullivan* was charged with a message to the Hon. Senate to inform them that the House agreed to the proposal.

The committee on the petition of the first parish in *Bradford*, reported a resolve granting the prayer thereof. Read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

The committee on the petition of the town of *Townshend*, reported verbally, that the same be referred to the next session of the General Court. Report accepted and ordered accordingly.

The Hon. Mr. *Lowell* came down and said that the Senate had enjoined the committee appointed to confer with the Hon. Mr. *Jefferson*, on certain public affairs, on their part, to proceed in the business of their commission, and requested that the House would lay a similar injunction on the committee on their part. Mr. *Davis* was charged with a message to the Hon. Senate, to acquaint them, that business of such importance was coming before the House, as would prevent their laying the injunction proposed.

The Hon. Mr. *Stone* brought down the resolve of the House of the twenty-second instant, on the petition of *Joseph Shephard* and his sons. In Senate, June 30, 1784. Read and non-concurred, and **Ordered**, That the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

The House proceeded to the second reading of the bill, intituled "An act in addition to an act, made and passed the present year, intituled an act

act for repealing two laws of this State, and for asserting the rights of this free and sovereign Commonwealth to expel such aliens as may be dangerous to the peace and good order of Government." And the same being finished, Friday next ten o'clock, A. M. was assigned for the third reading thereof. The said bill was then committed to Mr. *Hosmer*, Mr. *Sprague*, Mr. *Davis*, Mr. *Varnum* and Mr. *Clarke*, for amendment.

The Hon. Mr. *Freeman* brought down the resolve of the House of yesterday, for commemorating the independence of the United States. In Senate, July 1, 1784. Read and concurred as taken into a new draft.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

The Hon. Mr. *Sedgwick* came down and said that the Senate proposed deferring the choice of naval-officers and notaries public, to Saturday next, ten o'clock, A. M. Mr. *Dawes* was charged with a message to inform the Hon. Senate, that the House agreed to the proposal.

Adjourned to 3 o'clock P. M.

Afternoon.

Met according to adjournment.

AN engrossed bill, intituled "An act for obtaining a just and accurate account of the quantity of land within this Commonwealth, granted to, or surveyed for any person, the number of buildings thereon, and of its inhabitants, pursuant to a resolve of Congress passed the seventeenth day of *February*, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three." This bill, having had three several readings, passed to be enacted.

The committee on the petition of *Jacob Sheafe* and other merchants belonging to *Portsmouth*, reported verbally, that provision was made to prevent the inconvenience therein complained of in future; that it was not expedient to grant the prayer thereof, and that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition. Report accepted, and Ordered, That the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition accordingly.

An engrossed bill, intituled "An act granting to *Simon Willard* the exclusive privilege of making and vending clock jacks for five years." This bill having had three several readings, passed to be enacted.

The Hon. Mr. *Orr*, brought down the bill to incorporate the committee of the church and congregation in *Orange*, for certain purposes. In Senate, July 1, 1784. Read the second time, and passed a concurrence to be engrossed as taken into a new draft.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

An engrossed bill, intituled "An act in addition to an act passed the twenty-second day of *October*, in the year of our LORD one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three, intituled an act making provision for the support and maintenance of light-houses on the sea-coasts of this Commonwealth." This bill, having had three several readings, passed to be enacted.

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An engrossed bill, intituled "An act for enquiring into the rateable property of this Commonwealth." This bill having had three several readings, passed to be enacted.

The Hon. Mr. Orr brought down a letter from the Hon. *Francis Dana*, Esq; dated *Annapolis, June 11, 1784*, with the following order of Senate thereon, viz. *In Senate, July 1, 1784*. Read and thereupon Ordered, That *Theodore Sedgwick*, Esq; with such as the Hon. House shall join, be a committee to take this letter into consideration and make report what may be proper to be done thereon. Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred, and Mr. *Swan* and Mr. *Dane*, were joined.

The House assigned Friday morning, ten o'clock, A. M. for coming to the choice of three agents to support the claim of the Commonwealth to lands mentioned in their petition to Congress, of *May 27, 1784*, if that time should be agreeable to the Hon. Senate; and Mr. *Davis* was charged with a message to inform the Hon. Senate thereof.

The member from *Lunenburg* had leave of absence.

Ordered, That Mr. *Bacon*, Mr. *Hobbs*, Mr. *Walker*, Mr. *Mitchel* and Mr. *Drue*, be a committee to consider what measures are necessary to be taken with respect to the absentees, permitted to reside in this State by the Governor and Council; whose names are mentioned in his Excellency's message of the twenty-seventh of *May* last.

The Hon. Mr. *Fuller*, brought down the following order of Senate, viz. *In Senate, July 1, 1784*. Ordered, That *Eleazer Brooks*, *Caleb Strong* and *Theodore Sedgwick*, Esq's. be appointed a committee on the part of the Senate, with such as the Hon. House shall join, to confer upon the grounds and reasons upon which the Hon. House have thought proper to order a tax upon the principles of the bill which they have sent up to the Senate.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred, and Mr. *Smead*, Mr. *Clarke* and Mr. *Phillips*, were appointed on the part of the House.

The committee on the petition of *Thomas Willington*, reported verbally, that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition. Report accepted and ordered accordingly.

The committee on the petitions of *Thomas Walley* and *John Simonds*, reported a resolve granting the prayer thereof. Read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourn'd to Friday, 10 o'clock, A. M.

F R I D A Y, July 2, 1784.

Met according to adjournment.

THE committee appointed to consider what further measures may be necessary to be taken, relative to the British encroachments on the eastern territories of this State, reported, that it was necessary to the execution

execution of their commission, to consider the proclamation of Congress, relative to that matter. Mr. *Robbins* was charged with a message to his Excellency the Governor, to request him to send the said proclamation to the House, who reported that his Excellency said he would lay the same before the House, if in his possession.

The Hon. Mr. *Brooks* brought down the engrossed bill, for granting the exclusive privilege of vending clock-jacks, to *Simon Willard*, for five years, and said that the Senate proposed to insert the words "and hereby is" after the word "be" in the first enacting clause. Mr. *Sullivan* was charged with a message to inform the Hon. Senate, that the House did not agree to the said proposal.

The Hon. Mr. *Durfee* brought down the bill, for regulating the fees and forms in the naval offices, within this Commonwealth. In Senate, June 30, 1784. Read the second time, and passed to be engrossed with amendments.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

The Hon. Mr. *Lowell* brought down the engrossed bill, in addition to the act for supporting the light-houses, and said that the Senate proposed to alter the words "the first day of July next" in said bill, so as to read, "the tenth day of July instant." Mr. *Sullivan* was charged with a message to acquaint the Hon. Senate, that the House agreed to the alteration.

The Hon. Mr. *Sedgwick* came down and said, that the Senate proposed coming to the choice of three agents, for the purpose of supporting the claim of this Commonwealth to lands west of *Hudson's River*, immediately. Mr. *Sullivan* was charged with a message to the Hon. Senate, to acquaint them that the House did not agree to that time, but proposed four o'clock, P. M. for the choice. Mr. *Sedgwick* came down and said, that the Senate agreed to that hour.

The Hon. Mr. *Durfee* brought down a petition from *Eleazer Brooks* and *Francis Faulkner*, administrators on the estate of *Daniel Brooks*, stating, that they had in their hands certain governmental securities, and praying the order of this Court as to the rate at which the same should be distributed among the creditors to the said estate in discharge of their several claims, the same being refused at their nominal value. In Senate, July 1, 1784. Read and committed to *Josiah Stone*, Esq; with such as the House might join, to be taken up at large.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred and Mr. *Lethbridge* and Mr. *Walker* were joined.

A bill, intitled "An act to alter and establish the boundaries betwixt the town of *Harvard* and the district of *Boxbury*." Read the third time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

The Hon. Mr. *Durfee* brought down the memorial of the inhabitants of *Sherburne*, in the county of *Nantucket*, with a report of the committee of both Houses, appointed to view the circumstances thereof, and

an order of Senate for committing the same to *Samuel Baker* and *Thomas Durfee*, Esq's, with such as the House might join, to consider and report thereon.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred, and *Mr. Sullivan*, *Mr. Swan* and *Mr. Dwight* were joined.

Also, A petition from *Ebenezer Hogg*, praying for a trial in a case wherein he had become nonsuit, and an order of Senate of this day, committing the same to *Elisba May*, Esq; with such as the House might join.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred, *Mr. Brick* and *Mr. Chandler* were joined.

Also, The following order of Senate, viz. In Senate, July 2, 1784. Ordered, That the committee appointed to revise the Statute Laws of this Commonwealth, be instructed to report at the next session of the General Court, an act making such provision as may be necessary in all cases where Statutes have been or shall be revised, or where new statutes are or shall be made, which supercede the use of those before made.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

Also, A report of the committee appointed by a resolve of the 28th of October, 1783, to examine the claims to lands in the county of *Lincoln*, relating to the lands belonging to the *Penobscot* tribe of Indians; and a resolve of Senate, appointing *Ebenezer Bridge* and *Nathan Dane*, Esq's. a committee to treat with the said Indians, &c.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

A petition from *Eliku Gilford*, praying for a trial in an action, which was determined against him by default. Read and committed to *Mr. Sprague*, *Mr. P. Coffin* and *Mr. Robbins*.

The committee on the petition of the inhabitants of *Pearsonstown*, reported a resolve, directing the Treasurer to stay his executions for taxes against the said plantation, till further order.

Read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

The Hon. *Mr. Orr* brought down the resolve of the House of the 11th ult. on the petition of *Pelatiab Warren* and others. In Senate, July 2, 1784. Read and non-concurred. *Also*, an order of Senate of this day, on the said petition, as follows, viz. Ordered, That the petition of *Pelatiab Warren* and others, be committed to the committee for examining into the claims of the unappropriated lands in the counties of *York* and *Cumberland*, appointed by a resolve of the General Court of May the 1st, 1781, and that the said committee be, and they are hereby directed, as soon as may be, to ascertain the just boundary lines of the several plantations mentioned in the said petition, and to take a plan of the gore, or tracts of land that may belong to this Commonwealth, situate between them, or any of them, and make report thereof, together with the quality and value of the same, to the General Court, at their next session.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

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The Hon. Mr. *Durfee* brought down the resolve of the House of the 12th ult. on the petition of *Nathaniel Leonard*, Esq. In Senate, July 2, 1784. Read and concurred with amendments.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

The House proceeded in the third reading of the bill in addition to the act for repealing two laws of this State and for asserting the right of this free and sovereign Commonwealth to expel such aliens as may be dangerous to the peace and good order of government; and having debated the same, the further consideration thereof was postponed to the afternoon.

Adjourned to 3 o'clock P. M.

Afternoon.

Met according to adjournment.

AN account from *Alexander Hodgdon*, for his services as a book keeper in the Treasurer's office. Read and committed to Mr. *Clarke*, Mr. *Thayer* and Mr. *Sargeant*.

An account from *Peter Roe Dalton*, as one of the committee for settling the accounts of the late board of war. Read and committed to the same committee.

A bill, intituled "An act to supply the treasury with the sum of sixty thousand pounds or more," was reported by order and read the first time, and the question being put whether a time should be assigned for the second reading thereof, it passed in the negative.

The committee on the petition of *Elibu Gilsford*, reported a resolve for notifying *John Bean* to shew cause, &c. on the second Wednesday of next session, and for staying all proceedings in the mean time. Read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. *Curtis* and Mr. *Nighill* had leave of absence.

The Hon. Mr. *Durfee* brought down a petition from *Orlando Searjeant*, in behalf of the town of *Almsbury*, with a resolve of Senate abating them twenty-three pounds seven shillings and one penny of their fine for neglecting to chuse a representative.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

Mr. *Phelps* was charged with a message to acquaint the Hon. Senate that the House were ready to proceed to the choice of three agents to support the claim of this Commonwealth to lands west of *Hudson's River*, before Congress, according to assignment, and that the usual seats would be assigned for the members of the Hon. Senate. The two Houses assembled together in one room, and a committee of five being appointed to collect, count and sort the votes, proceeded to the choice by joint ballot. The committee having attended the business assigned them, reported

reported, that the Hon. *Francis Dana*, Esq; the Hon. *John Lowell*, Esq; and the Hon. *James Sullivan*, Esq; were severally chosen. Which report was accepted, and the Houses separated.

An engrossed bill, intituled "An act for regulation of seamen." This bill having had three several readings, passed to be enacted.

An engrossed bill, intituled "An act to incorporate the church and congregation in the district of *Orange*, in the county of *Hampshire*, whereof the Rev. Mr. *Emerson Foster* is the present minister, into a society by the name of the congregational society in *Orange*." This bill having had three several readings, passed to be enacted.

A petition from *Asa Munro* and *Samuel Saunderson*, praying for a new trial in an action therein mentioned. Read and committed to Mr. *Varnum*, Mr. *Fessenden* and Mr. *Whitney*.

The Hon. Mr. *May* brought down an order of Senate of this day for notifying the gentlemen chosen commissioners for supporting the claim of this Commonwealth to lands laying west of *Hudson's River*, of their respective elections. Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

The committee on the account of *Alexander Hodgdon*, reported, and it was Ordered, That the said account be committed to the committee on accounts, who were directed to examine the same, and allow the accountant twelve shillings per day for his services.

Sent up for concurrence.

The same committee reported on the account of *Peter Roe Dalton*, and the same was ordered to be committed to the committee on accounts for examination and allowance.

Sent up for concurrence.

The committee appointed to consider what measures are necessary to be taken with respect to the absentees residing within this Commonwealth by permit from the Governor and Council, reported a bill, intituled "An act empowering the Governor with the advice of the Council, to renew the licences of certain persons therein mentioned to reside within this Commonwealth." Which bill was read the first time, and it was Voted, That the fourteenth article of the rules and orders of the House be dispensed with in this instance, and that the present time be assigned for the second reading thereof. The said bill was then read the second time, and Saturday nine o'clock, A. M. assigned for the third reading thereof.

Adjourn'd to Saturday morning, '8 o'clock, A. M.

SATURDAY, July 3, 1784.

Met according to adjournment.

THE committee on the petition of *Daniel Witt*, reported a resolve for abating six hundred pounds of the fine therein mentioned. Read and accepted. Sent up for concurrence.

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The resolve of Senate of the first instant, on the petition of *Nicholas Bartlet*, praying for a new hearing in an action therein mentioned. Read and concurred.

The committee on the petition of *Ezra Sargeant*, in behalf of the town of *Malden*, reported a resolve abating them one half their fine for not chusing a representative for the year 1782. Read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Voted, That the House will take such order on the business before them, as that they may be prepared for a recess in the afternoon of Wednesday next.

Mr. *Hosmer* was charged with a message to the Hon. Senate to acquaint them of this vote, and to request that they would take such order on the business before them, as to enable them to rise at the same time.

The Hon. Mr. *Freeman* brought down a report of the committee on the petition of *William Shillaber*, in behalf of the assessors of the south parish in *Danvers*, being a bill, intituled "An act for explaining the laws respecting the assessment of taxes." In Senate, July 2, 1784. Read the first time, and Ordered, That the further consideration of this bill be referred to the next setting of the General Court.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

The Hon. Mr. *Durfee* brought down a petition from the fourth parish in *Dedham*, praying to be erected into a district, and a bill, intituled an act for erecting a district within the county of *Suffolk* by the name of *Dover*. In Senate, July 3, 1784. Read the second time, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read the first time, and Monday nine o'clock, A. M. assigned for the second reading thereof.

The Hon. Mr. *May* brought down a resolve of Senate of this day, for granting one hundred and fifty pounds to the commissioners for settling the boundary line between this State and that of *New-York*, they to be accountable.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

The Hon. Mr. *Durfee* brought down a letter from his Excellency *J. Par*, Esq; Governor of *Nova-Scotia*, to his Excellency the Governor of this Commonwealth, dated June 18, 1784, inclosing a letter from *Foster Hutchinson*, Esq; relative to the records of the probate court, in the county of *Suffolk*. In Senate, July 3, 1784. Read and committed to *John Lowell*, Esq; with such as the House might join.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred, and Mr. *Sullivan* and Mr. *Rowe* were joined.

The Hon. Mr. *Turner* brought down a petition from the town of *Leicester*, praying for a reduction in their valuation, and a resolve of Senate abating them three shillings and five pence one farthing in the thousand pounds, accordingly.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and Ordered, That the further consideration of said report be referred to the next session of the General Court.

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Mr. *Davis* was charged with a message to acquaint the Hon. Senate that the Houses were ready to proceed to the choice of naval-officers and notaries public, according to assignment, and that the usual seats would be assigned for the members of the Hon. Senate. Whereupon the two Houses assembled together in one room, and having appointed a committee of five to collect, count and sort the votes, proceeded to the choice by joint ballot. The votes being collected, it appeared that the following gentlemen were chosen naval-officers for the following ports, viz.

<i>Boston,</i>	-	Hon. JAMES LOVELL, Esq;
<i>Salem,</i>	-	JOSEPH HILLER, Esq;
<i>Marblehead,</i>	-	JOHN GERRY, Esq;
<i>Gloucester,</i>	-	SAMUEL WHITTEMORE, Esq;
<i>Newbury-Port,</i>	-	JONATHAN TITCOMB, Esq;
<i>Ipswich,</i>	-	Mr. WILLIAM STORY,
<i>Beverly,</i>	-	JOSIAH BATCHELDER, jun. Esq;
<i>York,</i>	-	Capt. RICHARD TREVOTT,
<i>Pepperellborough,</i>	-	TRISTRAM JORDAN, Esq;
<i>Falmouth,</i>	-	THOMAS CHILD, Esq;
<i>Plymouth,</i>	-	WILLIAM WATSON, Esq;
<i>Barnstable,</i>	-	Capt. WILLIAM TAYLOR,
<i>Dartmouth,</i>	-	EDWARD POPE, Esq;
<i>Dighton,</i>	-	EZRA RICHMOND, Esq;

The choice of naval-officers for the remaining ports was then postponed, and the Houses separated.

Adjourn'd to Monday, 10 o'clock A. M.

M O N D A Y, July 5, 1784.

Met according to adjournment.

A Petition from the inhabitants of *Greenwich*, praying that the collecting of their taxes might be delayed. Read and committed to Mr. *Vinal*, Mr. *Nye*, and Mr. *Baily*.

An engrossed bill, intitled "An act for regulating the fees and forms in the naval offices within this Commonwealth." This bill having had three several readings, passed to be enacted.

A petition from *Benjamin Evans*, in behalf of the town of *Salisbury*, praying for a new trial in a case therein mentioned. Read and committed to Mr. *Mitchel*, Mr. *Clarke* and Mr. *Brown* of *Framingham*.

A petition from the town of *Ashfield*, similar to that from the inhabitants of *Greenwich*. Read and committed to the committee on the petition of the town of *Greenwich*.

The Hon. Mr. *May* brought down a report of the committee of both Houses

Houses, on the petition of the congregational society in *Charlton*, that the petitioners should have leave to bring in a bill for the purposes mentioned in the said petition, and the following order of Senate thereon, viz. *In Senate, July 5, 1784.* Read and accepted, and the petitioners have leave to bring in a bill accordingly.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

Also, a resolve of Senate of the 2d instant, appointing *John Lewis, Edward Russell* and *Isaac Parsons, Esq's.* a committee to lay out a grant of land made to *Arthur Lee, Esq;* by a resolve of *September 21, 1780,* in the room of *Benjamin Chadbourn, Esq;* and others, excused from that service.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

Ordered, That *Mr. Bacon, Mr. Carnes* and *Mr. Breck,* be a committee to wait on the *Rev. Joseph Eckley,* and inform him that the two branches of the General Court, expect that he will officiate this day at public worship.

Sent up for concurrence.

The Hon. *Mr. Strong* brought down an order of Senate of this day, "That *Caleb Strong, Esq;* with such as the House might join, be a committee to consider of a suitable place for the General Court to meet at for public worship, this day.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred, and *Mr. Chamberlin* and *Mr. Breck* were joined. A bill, intituled "An act for erecting a district within the county of *Suffolk,* by the name of *Dover.*" Read the second time, and Tuesday nine o'clock, A. M. assigned for the third reading thereof.

On motion, Ordered, That the petition of *William Lithgow, jun. Esq;* in behalf of the county of *Lincoln,* be referred for consideration to the next session of the General Court; and that a resolve be brought in for the purpose of staying the Treasurer's executions against the several towns therein mentioned, till further order. *Mr. Winter* was appointed to bring in the said resolve.

The Hon. *Mr. Stone* brought down a resolve of Senate of this day, allowing to *Caleb Atherton,* a wounded soldier, half pay till further order.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

The Hon. *Mr. Fuller* brought down the following order of Senate, viz. *In Senate, July 5, 1784, Ordered,* That *Cotton Tufts* and *John Lowell, Esq's;* with such as the Hon. House shall join, be a committee to wait on his Excellency the Governor and Council, and acquaint them that the two branches of the General Court are now ready to proceed to the place of public worship agreeably to their order.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred, and *Mr. Breck, Mr. Thatcher* and *Mr. Davis,* of *Boston* were joined.

The Hon. *Mr. Tufts* brought down the resolve of the House of the
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28th ult. on the petition of *William Rice*, in behalf of the town of *Sudbury*. In Senate, July 5, 1784. Read and concurred with amendments.
Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

Voted, That the House will proceed to public worship, and that when the House adjourn they will adjourn to four o'clock, P. M.

The Secretary came down and said that the Lieutenant Governor and Council were ready to proceed to public worship. His Excellency the Governor being sick.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock P. M.

Afternoon.

Met according to adjournment.

MR. *Winter* reported a resolve for staying the Treasurer's executions for beef taxes against the several towns in the county of *Lincoln* till further order. Read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

The committee on the report of the committee of both Houses and the resolve of Senate of the 28th ult. relating to the unappropriated lands in the eastern parts of this Commonwealth, mentioned in the Governor's message, reported by way of resolve. Read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

The House assigned 10 o'clock, Tuesday morning for proceeding in the choice of naval officers and notaries public, if agreeable to the Hon. Senate.

Mr. *Richmond* was charged with a message to acquaint the Hon. Senate of the said assignment.

Mr. *Bacon* was charged with a message to request the Hon. Senate to send down the petition of *Phillips White*, and the papers accompanying; which the Hon. Mr. *Stone* brought down accordingly, and said that the Senate agreed to the assignment aforesaid.

The House assigned Tuesday next, nine o'clock, A.M. for considering the report of the committee on the petition of *Timothy Childs* and others.

Adjourn'd to Tuesday, 9 o'clock, A. M.

T U E S D A Y, July 6, 1784.

Met according to adjournment.

TH E member from *Becket* had leave of absence.

The committee on the petition of the town of *Wareham*, reported verbally, that the same be referred for consideration to the next session of the General Court. Report accepted, and *Ordered*, That the same be referred accordingly.

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A bill, intituled "An act for erecting a district in the county of *Suffolk*, by the name of *Dover*." Read the third time, and passed a concurrence to be engrossed.

The House proceeded in the third reading of the bill, in addition to the act made and passed the present year, intituled an act for repealing two laws of this State, and for asserting the rights of this free and sovereign Commonwealth to expel such aliens as may be dangerous to the peace and good order of government. And after debate, it was *Ordered*, That the further consideration of the said bill, be referred to the next sitting of the General Court.

The House proceeded to consider the bill for empowering the Governor with the advice of the Council, to renew the licences of certain persons therein mentioned, to reside within this Commonwealth. And after debate the consideration of said bill was ordered to subside, and a resolve for the purpose aforesaid was read and passed.

Sent up for concurrence.

The committee on the petition of *George Hufsey* and *David Low*, reported an order for notifying the adverse party to shew cause, &c. Read and not accepted, and thereupon *Ordered*, That the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition.

The committee on the petition of *Ebud Hopkins*, reported verbally, that the same be referred to the next session of the General Court. Report accepted, and *Ordered*, That the same be referred accordingly.

The committee on the petition of the inhabitants of the town of *Adams*, reported by way of resolve. Read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

A resolve on the petition of *Timothy Childs* and others, granting a new trial in the case between them and *Cheney Reed*. Read and passed.

Sent up for concurrence.

The committee on pensions, reported a resolve for allowing Capt. *John Slewman*, one half pay as a pensioner till further order. Read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

The committee on the petition of the Rev. *Charles Chauncey* and others, reported a resolve granting the prayer thereof. Read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

The committee on the petition of *Daniel Souther* and *Thomas Jones*, in behalf of proprietors of lands in the town of *Hull*, reported by way of resolve. Read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

The committee on the petition the town of *Lynn*, reported that the said petition be referred to the next session of the General Court. Report accepted, and thereupon *Ordered*, That the said petition be referred accordingly.

Mr. *Breck* was charged with a message to inform the Hon. Senate, that the House proposed postponing the further choice of naval officers and notaries public, to Wednesday morning 10 o'clock, A.M. The Hon. Mr. *Stone* came down and said that the Senate agreed to the proposal.

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The committee on the petition of *Benjamin Evans*, in behalf of the town of *Salisbury*, reported a resolve for notifying the adverse party to shew cause, &c. on the second Wednesday of next session, and for staying execution in the mean time.

Read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned to three o'clock, P. M.

Afternoon.

Met according to adjournment.

AN engrossed bill, intituled "An act for erecting a district within the county of *Suffolk*, by the name of *Dover*." This bill having had three several readings passed to be enacted.

An account from Dr. *Phinebas Holden* for attending certain sick soldiers at the castle in *Boston* harbour. Read and committed to the committee on accounts for examination and allowance.

Sent up for concurrence.

Ordered, That Mr. *Swan* and Mr. *Dawes*, with such as the Hon. Senate may join, be a committee to consider at what time it will be expedient for the General Court to rise, and at what period it will be suitable for them to adjourn, and report.

Sent up for concurrence.

A resolve allowing to *William Baker*, messenger of the General Court, forty-two pounds, in full for his last quarter's services. Read and passed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Representations from *Phillips White* and *William White*, relative to the subject matter of their former petitions. Read and *Ordered*, That they have leave to withdraw their said representations.

The Hon. Mr. *Orr* brought down the tax bill. *In Senate*, July 6, 1784. Read the second time, and passed a concurrence to be engrossed with amendments.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred, excepting as to the amendments marked Q. S. K. and O.

Sent up for concurrence.

Also, A report of the committee appointed to consider what further measures are necessary to be taken relative to the British encroachments on the eastern parts of the State, being a resolve for appointing three agents to ascertain the boundary line thereof. *In Senate*. Read and sent down. Read and accepted with amendments, and *Resolved*, That *Benjamin Lincoln*, *Henry Knox* and *George Partridge*, Esq's; be, and hereby are appointed agents for the business mentioned in the foregoing resolve.

Sent up for concurrence.

The Secretary laid before the House, forms of bonds to be given to the Treasurer and Commissary-General, agreeably to order.

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The committee on the petition of *Mary Freeman*, reported verbally that the same be referred for consideration to the next session of the General Court. Report accepted, and *ordered*, that the same be referred accordingly.

Adjourn'd to Wednesday, nine o'clock, A. M.

W E D N E S D A Y, July 7, 1784.

Met according to adjournment.

THE Hon. Mr. *Strong* brought down a report of the Committee of both Houses, appointed to consider at what time it will be expedient for the General Court to rise, and to what period it will be suitable for them to adjourn, being an opinion "that it will be expedient for the General Court to rise on Friday next, and to adjourn to the last Wednesday in *September* next." In Senate, Read and accepted with amendments, appointing "Thursday" in the room of "Friday" next for the time of the Court's rising, and the "second Wednesday in *October*" in the room of the last Wednesday in *September* next, for the time of their assembling again.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred with amendment, altering the time of assembling to the fourth Wednesday of *October*.

Sent up for concurrence.

The Hon. Mr. *Tufts* brought down the engrossed bill, for regulating the fees and forms in the naval offices, and said that the Senate proposed to substitute the word "*August*" in the room of the word "*July*" in the last line but one in the said bill. Mr. *Dawes* was charged with a message to acquaint the Hon. Senate, that the House agree to the said proposal.

The House took up the forms of the bonds laid on the table by the Secretary, for the Treasurer and Commissary General, and *Ordered*, That they give bond agreeably to the said forms.

Sent up for concurrence.

The committee on pensions, reported a resolve, allowing *Elibu Frizel*, a wounded soldier, one fourth part of his pay till further order.

Read and concurred.

Sent up for concurrence.

The committee on the petition of *Joseph Ruggles*, reported a resolve, allowing him two hundred and fourteen pounds, fifteen shillings and ten pence, in full for the supplies mentioned in his petition.

Read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

The committee on the petition of *Robert Harrington*, reported verbally, that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition. Report accepted, and *Ordered*, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition accordingly. The

The committee on the petition of *Solomon Thayer* and *Solomon Blanchard*, reported a resolve allowing nine pounds, fifteen shillings and eight pence to the said *Thayer*, and eight pounds eighteen shillings and eight pence to the said *Blanchard*, in full for their services in the army. Read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

The Hon. Mr. *Fisher* brought down the following order of Senate, viz. In Senate, July 7, 1784. Ordered, That *Charles Turner* and *John Lowell*, Esq's; be a committee to confer with such committee as the Hon. House may appoint, on the subject matter of the difference between the two Houses respecting the tax bill.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred, and Mr. *Sullivan* and Mr. *Davis* of *Boston* were appointed a committee on the part of the House.

On motion, Ordered, That Mr. *Mitchel*, Mr. *Brown* of *Framingham*, and Mr. *Bancroft*, be a committee to bring in a resolve for suspending all writs and processes brought by absentees against the citizens of this Commonwealth, till the next session of the General Court.

The Hon. Mr. *Orr* brought down the resolve of the House of yesterday, appointing three agents to examine into the encroachments supposed to be made on the eastern boundary of this Commonwealth. In Senate, July 7, 1784. Read and concurred with amendments.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

The House took up the resolve of Senate, of the third ult. on the petition of *Josiah Moor*, and concurred therewith.

The Hon. Mr. *Fuller* brought down the resolve of both Houses granting one hundred and fifty pounds to the commissioners for settling the boundary line between this State and *New-York*. In Senate, July 7, 1784. Read again and the Senate proposed to dele the words "one hundred and."

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

The Hon. Mr. *Durfee* brought down the report of the committee of both Houses on the letter from Governor *Par*, of the eighteenth ultimo, being a draft of a letter in answer thereto. And a resolve of Senate thereon, requesting his Excellency the Governor to sign and transmit the same.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

The committee on the petition of *Samuel Sanderson*, reported verbally, that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition. Report accepted and Ordered, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition accordingly.

The House reconsidered their vote of the first instant on the petition of a number of merchants belonging to *Portsmouth*, giving them leave to withdraw their petition, and a resolve directing the collectors of impost and excise, to suspend prosecuting the bonds of the petitioners 'till the second Wednesday of the next session, was read and passed.

Sent up for concurrence.

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The Hon. Mr. *Durfee* brought down the forms of bonds proposed by the House for the Treasurer and Commissary-General. *In Senate, July 7, 1784.* Read and concurred with amendments.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

The Hon. Mr. *Bridge* brought down a report of the committee on the petition of the inhabitants of *Nantucket*, by way of resolve. *In Senate, July 7, 1784.* Read and thereupon *Ordered*, That the further consideration of this petition and report thereon, with the papers accompanying the same, be referred to the next setting of the General Court.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

Ordered, That *Philips White* and *William White* have leave to take such papers relating to the petition of the said *Philips* and the answer of the said *William* thereto, from the files, as they may think proper.

Adjourned to 3 o'clock P. M.

Afternoon.

Met according to adjournment.

THE Hon. Mr. *Fisher* brought down the report of the committee appointed to consider when it will be expedient for the General Court to rise, &c. and the amendments proposed thereon. *In Senate, July 7, 1784.* Read and non-concurred, and the Senate adhere to their own vote.

Sent down.

Read, and the House reconsider their last vote and concur with the vote of the Hon. Senate.

Also, The resolve of the House of the fifth instant, on the memorial of *William Lithgow, jun. Esq;* in behalf of the county of *Lincoln.* *In Senate, July 7, 1784.* Read and concurred with amendments.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

Mr. *Sullivan* was charged with a message to the Hon. Senate to request them to send down the tax bill, which was brought down accordingly. Whereupon the committee of conference on the said bill, on the part of the House reported, and after debate, the said report was not accepted and the House adhered to their last vote on the said bill.

Sent up for concurrence.

A petition from Messrs *Adams* and *Nourse*, printers to the General Court, stating that they met with great impediments in the prosecution of their business for want of ready payment at the treasury, and praying some order to be passed in their favor. Read and committed to Mr. *Chamberlin*, Mr. *Singletary* and Mr. *Fessenden*.

On motion, *Ordered*, That Mr. *Davis*, Mr. *Varnum* and Mr. *Smith*, be a committee to report a resolve for making a suitable grant to the agents

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to ascertain the British encroachments on the eastern parts of this Commonwealth.

The House being informed that the selectmen of the town of *Danvers*, requested leave to withdraw their petition, *Ordered*, That the said petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition accordingly.

The committee on the pay-roll, reported the same, amounting to the sum of two thousand five hundred and twenty-nine pounds, nine shillings and six pence, which was read, and thereupon *Ordered*, That his Excellency the Governor be, and he hereby is requested, by, and with the advice of Council, to draw his warrant on the treasury of this Commonwealth, for the foregoing sum of two thousand five hundred and twenty-nine pounds, nine shillings and six pence, to be paid to the members of the House in the proportion mentioned in the foregoing roll.

On the petition of *Philips White*, *Ordered*, That the petitioner, and *William White*, the respondent to said petition, have leave to withdraw their papers respectively.

Sent up for concurrence.

The committee on pensions, reported a resolve for allowing one eighth part of pay to *William Parker*, a wounded soldier.

Read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

The members from *Egremont*, *Newbury*, *Tyringham* and *Alford*, had leave of absence.

The Hon. Mr. *Stone* came down and said that the Senate requested the Hon. House to send up the petition of *Thomas Brattle*, Esq; which was sent up accordingly.

The Hon. Mr. *Tufts* brought down the said petition, and a bill, intitled "An act for naturalizing *Thomas Brattle*, Esq;" and the following order of Senate thereon, viz. *In Senate, July 7, 1784*. This bill, having had two several readings, passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Hon. Mr. *Baker* brought down a report of the committee of both Houses, appointed to view the castle in the harbour of *Boston*, *In Senate, July 7, 1784*. Read and accepted, and *Resolved*, That the Commissary-General take order that the necessary repairs be made to the castle in *Boston* harbour, pursuant to the foregoing report.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

The Hon. Mr. *Fuller* brought down the tax bill, with a vote of Senate thereon, reconsidering their last vote in part, and proposing other amendments. Read, and after debate, a motion was made and seconded, that the further consideration of the said bill should be referred to the next session of the General Court, and the question being put, passed in the negative, 99 members present.

An injunction was laid on the members of the House, to attend their duty at the hour of adjournment, and the House

Adjourn'd to Thursday morning, 8 o'clock, A. M.

Thursday

THURSDAY, July 8, 1784.

Met according to adjournment.

A Bill, intituled "An act for naturalizing *Thomas Brattle*, Esq." Read the first time, and the second Tuesday of the next sitting of the General Court, was assigned for the second reading thereof.

The House proceeded to consider the tax bill, and the proceedings of the Hon. Senate thereon, and after debate, the House non-concurred the vote of the Hon. Senate, and adhered to their own vote.

Sent up.

The members from *Sheffield* and *Lenox*, had leave of absence.

A resolve appointing *Samuel Phillips*, jun. *Nathaniel Wells* and *Nathan Dane*, Esq's. a committee to make sale of *Grand Menan* island, and those adjacent to it, for public securities of this Commonwealth. Read and passed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. *Alexander Coffin* was charged with a message to propose to the Hon. Senate, to proceed in the choice of naval officers and notaries public, at 3 o'clock, this afternoon.

The Hon. Mr. *Bridge* came down and said that the Senate agree to the said proposal.

A resolve, appointing the agents for ascertaining the British encroachments on the eastern parts of this Commonwealth, to treat with the *Penobscot* tribe of Indians, in the room of *Ebenezer Bridge* and *Nathan Dane*, Esq's. appointed for that purpose, by a resolve the 2d instar ..

Read and passed.

Sent up for concurrence.

A resolve, directing the Commissary-General to prepare and furnish the State yacht, for the use of the said agents, in the execution of their commission. Read and passed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Ordered, That Mr. *Greenwood*, Mr. *Thatcher*, of *Cambridge*, and Mr. *Hosmer*, be a committee to bring in a resolve for making a suitable grant to the President of the Senate, and Speaker of this House, and the Clerks, on account of their services the present year.

The Hon. Mr. *Fuller* brought down a bill, intituled "An act to empower the Treasurer of this Commonwealth to receive certificates from the commissioner of loans in this State, in part of the taxes granted in compliance with the requisition of Congress of October 30, 1781, for this State's proportion of eight millions of dollars, and to apply a part of the said taxes to the payment of the debt of this Commonwealth. In Senate, July 7, 1784. Read the second time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read the first time, and Ordered, That the present time be assigned for the second reading thereof. The said bill was then read the second time, and the present time was assigned for the third reading thereof. The said bill was then read the third time, and passed a concurrence to be engrossed.

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A resolve directing the Treasurer to pay the members of the General Court the sums due to them on the pay roll for their travel and attendance, out of the second money tax for the year 1782. Read and passed.
Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourned to three o'clock, P. M.

Afternoon.

Met according to adjournment.

A Resolve permitting the town of *Windham* to return their receipts for beef into the Secretary's office at any time before the twentieth instant, any resolve to the contrary notwithstanding. Read and passed.
Sent up for concurrence.

Mr. *Fessenden* was charged with a message to acquaint the Hon. Senate that the House were ready to proceed in the choice of naval officers and notaries public, and that the usual seats would be assigned for the members of the Hon. Senate. Whereupon the two Houses assembled together in one room, and a committee of five being appointed to collect, count and sort the votes, proceeded to the choice by joint ballot; and the following gentlemen were chosen naval officers for the following ports, *viz.*

<i>Nantucket,</i>	STEPHEN HUSSEY, Esq;
<i>Edgartown,</i>	JOHN PEASE, jun.
<i>Penobscot,</i>	JOSEPH HIBBERT,
<i>Booth-Bay,</i>	WILLIAM M'COBB, Esq;
<i>Goldsbrough,</i>	ALEXANDER CAMPBELL, Esq;
<i>Machias,</i>	STEPHEN SMITH, Esq;
<i>Passamaquady,</i>	LEWIS FREDERICK DELESDERNIER,
<i>Bath,</i>	DAVID TRUFANT.

The following gentlemen were chosen notaries public for the following counties, *viz.*

<i>Suffolk,</i>	EZEKIEL PRICE, Esq;	
	HENRY ALLYNE,	
<i>Essex,</i>	EDWARD NORRIS,	
	PETER COFFIN, jun.	
	DANIEL ROGERS,	
	WILLIAM ATKINS,	
	ISAAC MANSFIELD, Esq;	
<i>Middlesex,</i>	JOSEPH CORDIS,	
<i>Plymouth,</i>	EPHRAIM SPOONER,	
<i>Barnstable,</i>	RICHARD SEARS,	
	HEZEKIAH DOANE,	
	SAMUEL HINKLEY, Esq's;	<i>Bristol,</i>

<i>Bristol,</i>	WILLIAM TOBEY,
	WILLIAM BROWN,
<i>York,</i>	DANIEL MOULTON,
	THOMAS CUTTS,
<i>Dukes-County,</i>	EBENEZER SMITH, Esq;
<i>Nantucket,</i>	CHRISTOPHER HUSSEY, Esq;
<i>Cumberland,</i>	JOHN FROTHINGHAM,
<i>Lincoln,</i>	TIMOTHY LANGDON, Esq;

The Houses then seperated.

The Hon. Mr. *Stone* brought down a report of the committee of both Houses on the petition of the inhabitants of the north-east quarter of *Charlemont*. In Senate, July 8, 1784. Read and accepted. Also, an order of Senate of the fifth instant for notifying the adverse party to shew cause, &c. on the second Wednesday of next session.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

The Hon. Mr. *Orr* brought down a report of the committee appointed by a resolve of the twenty-eighth of *October*, 1783, to examine the claims to lands in the county of *Lincoln*, relative to the grant made to *Beauchamp* and *Leverett*, and a resolve of Senate of this day thereon, for confirming to the heirs of the late Brigadier-General *Waldo* and others interested in said claim, a tract of land thirty miles square, therein mentioned.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and Ordered, That the said report be referred to the next session of the General Court.

A resolve appointing *Francis Dana*, *John Lowell* and *James Sullivan*, Esq's; to consider what part of the land of this Commonwealth, westward of *Hudson's River*, it will be expedient to grant to the United States, and to report the third day of the next session. Read and passed.

Sent up for concurrence.

An engrossed bill, intituled "An act to empower the Treasurer of this Commonwealth to receive certificates from the commissioner of loans in this State in part of the taxes granted in compliance with the requisition of Congress of *October* thirtieth, one thousand seven hundred and eighty one, for this State's proportion of eight millions of dollars, and to apply a part of the said taxes for the payment of the debt of this Commonwealth." This bill having had three several readings, passed to be enacted.

The Hon. Mr. *Orr* brought down an order of Senate of this day, on the petition of the selectmen of the town of *Palmer*, for notifying the

inhabitants of *Monson* to shew-cause, &c. on the second Wednesday of the next setting of the General Court.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

A resolve for allowing to the committee on accounts four thousand pounds, they to be accountable. Read and passed.

Sent up for concurrence.

The committee appointed to consider of a suitable grant to the President of Senate, the Speaker of the House, and the Clerks, reported a resolve for allowing the President and Speaker six shillings per diem, over and above their pay as members, and forty pounds to each of the said Clerks, on account of their services for the present year. Read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Adjourn'd to Friday, 8 o'clock, A. M.

F R I D A Y, July 9, 1784.

Met according to adjournment.

THE committee on the petition of the Rev. *Hezekiah Smith*, reported a resolve directing the committee for settling absentees estates in the county of *Essex*, to credit the petitioner for a small building purchased of them, 'till the second Thursday of the next setting of the General Court. Read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

The Hon. Mr. *Fisher* brought down an order of Senate of yesterday, directing the Secretary to notify the several gentlemen chosen naval officers and notaries public, of their appointments respectively.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

Also, The report of the committee on the petition of *John Torrey*, by way of resolve. *In Senate*. Read and accepted as taken into a new draft.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

The committee on the petition of Messrs. *Adams* and *Nourse*, reported that the same be referred for consideration to the next session of the General Court. Report accepted and *Ordered*, That the same be referred accordingly.

A letter from the Treasurer to the committee on accounts. Read and thereupon *Ordered*, That the committee on accounts allow at the rate of eighteen pounds by the month, for the services of *Alexander Hodgdon* as a book keeper in the Treasurer's office, for the time charged in his account, the order of the second instant thereon notwithstanding.

Sent up for concurrence.

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The Hon. Mr. *Turner* brought down a report of the committee of both Houses on the petition of *William Foster* and other soldiers, by way of resolve. In Senate, July 9, 1784. Read and accepted as taken into a new draft.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

A resolve appointing *Thomas Dawes* and *Joseph Hosmer*, Esq's; with such as the Hon. Senate might join, be a committee to repair the House in which the Governor and Council sit, &c. and granting two hundred pounds for that purpose. Read and passed.

Sent up for concurrence.

Resolve of Senate of the 26th ult. on the petition of *Moses Fitch*. Read and concurred.

Ordered, That *John Lowell* and *James Sullivan*, Esq's. be a committee to direct the order in which the acts and laws of the General Court shall be printed.

Sent up for concurrence.

The Hon. Mr. *Turner* brought down the resolve of the House, of the 3d inst. on the petition of *Daniel Witt*, and the following order thereon, viz. In Senate, July 8, 1784. Read, and thereupon Ordered, That the further consideration of the laid petition be referred to the next session of this Court, and that execution be stayed in the mean time.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

Ordered, That *James Sullivan*, *William Heath* and *John Brooks*, Esq's. be a committee to revise the militia laws of this Commonwealth, in the recess of the General Court, and report at their next sitting.

Sent up for concurrence.

The Hon. Mr. *Orr* brought down a further report of the committee appointed by a resolve of the 28th October last, to examine the claims to the unappropriated lands in the county of *Lincoln*. In Senate, July 9, 1784. Read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

An engrossed bill, intituled "An act for apportioning and assessing a tax of one hundred and forty thousand pounds for the sole purpose of redeeming the army notes issued pursuant to an act of this State, passed the fifth day of July 1781, and payable in the years 1784 and 1785. and for raising the further sum of eleven thousand and thirty-five pounds, six shillings and six pence, for the purpose of replacing the same sum which hath been paid out of the treasury to the Representatives, for their attendance on the five last sessions of the General Court, viz. from November, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-two, to March one thousand seven hundred and eighty-four." This bill, having had three several readings, passed to be enacted.

Adjourned to 3 o'clock P. M.

Afternoon.

Met according to adjournment.

O R D E R E D, That Mr. *Hunt*, Mr. *Thayer* and Mr. *Bacon* with such as the Hon. Senate may join, be a committee to wait on his Excellency the Governor, and inform him that the two branches of the General Court have passed upon all the business that was before them, and to request his Excellency to adjourn the said Court to the second Wednesday of *October* next.

Sent up for concurrence.

The Hon. Mr. *Brooks* brought down a resolve of Senate of this day on the petition of *Rebecca Munroe*, allowing her six pounds, three shillings and four pence; in full of her demand for a horse lost in the public service.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Hon. Mr. *Tufts* brought down a resolve of Senate of this day, directing the selectmen of the several towns to call on the collectors of public taxes, to account agreeably to the act made for that purpose on the twenty third of *March* last.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and non-concurred.

The Hon. Mr. *Cheate* brought down a vote of Senate of this day, requesting his Excellency the Governor, to lay before the General Court a state of the militia, at their next session.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

Also, A resolve of Senate of of this day, adding Colonel *John Allan* to the agents appointed to pursue measures respecting the British encroachments on the eastern boundary of this Commonwealth.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred, as taken into a new draft.

Sent up for concurrence.

The Hon. Mr. *Baker* brought down the resolve of the House of the 5th inst. relative to the unappropriated public lands in the county of *Lincoln*. In Senate, July 9, 1784. Read and concurred, as taken into a new draft.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and concurred.

Mr. *Hill* and Mr. *Ball* had leave of absence.

The committee on accounts requested the sense of the House whether the accounts exhibited for printing the acts of the General Court, without their special order, should be allowed, and it was *Voted*, That such accounts be not allowed.

The Hon. Mr. *Lewis* brought down the resolve of the House of the eighth of *July*, directing the Treasurer, out of what monies to pay the members of the General Court. In Senate, July 9, 1784. Read and concurred as taken into a new draft.

Sent down for concurrence.

Read and non-concurred.

Also,